

Course: International Trade Policy

Lecturer:

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Aims:

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the international economic environment of the EU and the position that the EU occupies in this environment. To that end, after a discussion on the phenomenon of globalisation and some basic features of the world economy today, the rules governing the multilateral trade system of the WTO will be discussed. Furthermore, the external economic competences of the EU, and the main features of the common commercial policy will be dealt with, as well as the relation between EU and WTO.

The course will further elaborate on the developments in the WTO since its creation in 1995, and more especially the results of the Ministerial Conferences of Seattle, Doha, Cancún and Hong Kong and the position of the EU in these negotiations. In this framework, the position of developing countries in the WTO will also be taken into account.

Students are expected to locate their own materials for their essays and presentations. The selection below is intended to be indicative of the type of materials easily available to you, and may give you ideas of the scope of the subject and possible also for essay topics.

Chapters in Text-books

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W. Molle, *The Economics of European Integration. Theory, Practice, Policy*, Aldershot, 2006 17.

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H. Wallace and W. Wallace, *Policy-Making in the European Union*, Oxford, 2005, Chapter 14.

Selected Articles

S. Billijet, "From GATT to the WTO: The Internal Struggle for External Competences in the EU" *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 44, 5, 2006, 899-919.

F. Breuss, "WTO Dispute Settlement: An Economic Analysis of Four EU–US Mini Trade Wars - A Survey" *Journal of Industry Competition and Trade* 4, 4, 2004, 275- 315.

C. Davis, *A Conflict of Institutions? The WTO and EU Agricultural Policy*, Institute of Governmental Studies. Paper WP2005-34, 2005.

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- P Guerrieri and I Caratelli, "EU's Regional Trade Strategy, the Challenges Ahead", *The International Trade Journal* 20, 2, 2006, 139
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- N. Perdakis and R. Read. *The WTO and the regulation of international trade: recent trade disputes between the European Union and the United States*, Edward Elgar, 2005.
- AR Young, J Peterson "The EU and the New trade Politics" *Journal of European Public Policy*, 13, 6, 2006, 795-814.
- AR Young *What Game? By Which Rules? Adaptation and Flexibility in the EC's Foreign Economic Policy*, ANU National Europe Centre Paper No 25, July 2002.

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www.ecipe.org
www.europa.eu.int
www.ft.com
www.gem.sciences-po.fr
www.kluwerlawonline.com (Journal of World Trade)
www.oecd.org
www.weforum.org (World Economic Forum)
www.worldbank.org
www.worldtradelaw.net
www.wto.org

Course Outline (details to be announced later):

Session 1

- Introduction
- Globalisation
- Some features of the world economy
- Chinese economy and the BRIC's

Session 2

- Rules for the world economy
- The international economic institutions
- The WTO: functions, principles, history
- Structure and content of the WTO agreements
- Comparison GATT - WTO

Session 3

- EU external economic policy
- EU common commercial policy

Session 4
EU common commercial policy
Regional trade agreements

Session 5
Relationship between EU and WTO
Uruguay round
Doha Round
WTO reform

Session 6
WTO and developing countries
Lobbying in the WTO

Session 7 -12 Student presentations and discussions