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Seminar: Human Rights: the trade and investment agenda

By safeguarding rights such as fair labour practices, non-discrimination, and environmental protection, human rights frameworks have great impact on the matter of international economic law. This seminar provides an in-depth exploration of the intersection between human rights and trade and investment law. Participants will examine the implications of international trade agreements and investment policies on human rights protections. Key topics include the balance between economic growth and human rights, the role of multinational treaties, and the impact of trade and investment disputes in the context of human rights.

The seminar will address questions such as:

- How can human rights considerations be integrated into the dispute resolution mechanisms of trade agreements?
- What measures can be taken to protect the rights of indigenous communities in the context of international trade?
- How does the principle of non-discrimination in trade law relate to human rights protections?
- How do international investment agreements influence the protection of human rights in host countries?
- What role does the European Convention on Human Rights play in investment protection?
- What measures can be taken to protect the rights of local communities affected by foreign investments?

The seminar (limit: 20 students) will be conducted **in English** and is open to law students of specialization areas (Schwerpunktbereiche) II, IV, V and IX (vorbereitende Leistung / Seminararbeit / Studienarbeit), for Erasmus exchange and master students of related programs, including those of other Faculties.

Participation requires basic knowledges of public law, EU law, international law, economic or environmental law and some English language skills. Successful participants will also be afforded a language certificate (Sprachenschein).

It is intended that the oral part of the seminar will take place in Brussels in January or February alongside with a visit to EU institutions. We are currently seeking funds to offer financial support. In any case, online participation will be made available.

Participation in the seminar requires

- an application by mail to be sent to intecolaw@jura.uni-goettingen.de before introductory meetings, indicating (1) the name, (2) mail-address, (3) the type of examination (vorbereitende Leistung/Seminararbeit/Studienarbeit/Erasmus), (4) the level of legal and language skills, (5) a short cv and (6) a short letter of motivation,
- participation in one of the introductory meetings.
- Acceptance will be notified within 3 days after introductory meetings.

Timeline

Mandatory introductory meetings

Friday, 5 July 2024, 10:00 am*

Distribution of topics

Wednesday, 7 August 2024, 9 am at office**

Monday, 6 November 2024, 9 am at office**

* Seminarraum of the Institut für Völkerrecht und Europarecht, Blauer Turm (MZG), 13th floor, room 13.122 (access via 12th floor)

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