

Another Successful “Brussels Seminar”

Over 22-23 June 2023 we had a pleasure of holding our seminar on "International and EU Investment Law - Current Developments" at the Representation of Lower Saxony to the European Union in Brussels. The dynamic two-day seminar provided a platform for ten students to present their research papers on diverse topics including: Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreements, FDI Screening, ECT Modernisation, damages calculation, third-party funding, enforcement of intra-EU awards in the US, and human rights investor obligations, among others. The students demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of these subjects through well-prepared and insightful presentations of their seminar papers.

The seminar commenced with a warm welcome and opening talk by Birga Stührenberg, of the Representation of Lower Saxony to the European Union. The event also had the privilege of



hosting distinguished guest speakers from the European Commission's DG Trade, namely Carlo Pettinato and Oskari Vaaranmaa, adding significant value to the seminar, as they shared their expertise and insights on investment law developments from the EU's perspective. In addition, as part of the seminar, the students were provided with valuable opportunities to enhance their understanding of the European Union's functioning and explore potential career paths. They visited the Parliamentarium, an interactive visitor center at the European Parliament, where they gained insights into the EU's

legislative processes and policies. Additionally, Dr. Alper Tasdelen extended an invitation for the students to visit the Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU, where they learned more about the organization's work and various career opportunities.

The organisers of the seminar, Prof. Peter-Tobias Stoll and Agata Daszko, would like to express their gratitude to all the guest speakers and attendees for their valuable contributions as well as to the Representation of Lower Saxony, as well as the *Göttinger Verein zur Förderung des Internationalen Rechts* (The Göttingen Association for the Promotion of International Law) for their continued support, which made the seminar possible. The seminars offered by our chair continue to be invaluable in teaching students not just about various topics of international economic law but also bringing them closer to the real-life operation and implication of it.



As for the Winter Semester 2023/2024, we are offering seminars on two topics (again, “International and EU Investment Law - Current Developments” as well as “Business and Human Rights – EU perspectives”) that are planned to take place in Brussels in January or February 2024 (online participation will also be possible), please check our announcements for details.