

Course title	WTO Law				
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				2nd semester	1.0
Numbering Code		Day・Period	Other	Timetable Slot Code	3J318

#### Lesson topic

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is the world's most important trade governance body today. Almost all of the trading powers of the world are its members. Knowledge of WTO law and WTO dispute settlement is thus indispensable for traders, policy-makers, lawyers and academics in properly understanding the world trading system. Also, the ongoing WTO crisis and prospective WTO reform further necessitates the study of WTO law.

#### Lesson target

This course aims at offering a comprehensive study of WTO law from various perspectives. It will introduce the evolution of the world trading system, analyze major WTO agreements and rules governing tariffs and non-tariff barriers (especially the GATT and GATS), explain major institutional functions of the WTO, including trade negotiations and policy review and dispute settlement, explore WTO dispute settlement, and discuss some cutting edge world trade issues pertaining to the WTO. Students will be able to acquire necessary knowledge of the WTO law and dispute settlement, and to be provoked to reflect the future of the world trading system.

#### Syllabus and plan

In total, eight lectures (each of one and a half hours) will be dedicated to the course. They will cover the various aspects of WTO law and aiming at answering some fundamental legal issues in the field of international trade law. First, it starts from an introduction of the history of the world trading system since the Second World War. Second, it discusses the major functions of the WTO as an institution (trade negotiation, dispute settlement and policy review). Third, as the major part of this course, it elaborates the major WTO rules while based on the relevant WTO agreements (such as GATT, GATS, TRIPs), answering the fundamental question how WTO rules are designed to defend free trade and a multilateral trading system. Fourth, it discuss the WTO dispute settlement, mainly from a procedural perspective, while combining analysis of some typical WTO cases. Finally, it also discusses some key and cutting-edge WTO law-related issues, including the WTO crisis and reform, the regionalization and unilateralization of trade governance.

#### Evaluation method

The evaluation of performance of this course will be based on course participation, presentation, and a short term paper (approximately 2500 words including footnotes).

#### Evaluation baseline

With the method stated above, grades will be determined in accordance with the degrees of achievement of the objectives.

#### Notice (include info. on related class)

N/A

#### Review and preparation

Students are encouraged to prepare for each of the class, read the reference materials and engage in discussion in class. Extra reading is encouraged, but not compulsory.

#### Office hour・Contact information

Immediately after the second class of the day, if there is a need of the students.

#### Message for student

N/A

#### Improvements in Teaching

N/A

Text

4th ed., The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization / Peter van den Bossche & Werner Zdouc : Cambridge: Cambridge University Press ,2017 , ISBN:

Reference Material

The World Trade Organization: Law, Economics and Politics / Bernard M. Hoekman & Petros C. Mavroidis : Routledge ,2007 , ISBN:

The Genesis of the GATT / Douglas A. Irwin, Petros C. Mavroidis & Alan O. Sykes : Cambridge University Press ,2008 , ISBN:

A Handbook on the WTO Dispute Settlement System (2nd edn.) / World Trade Organization : Cambridge University Press ,2017 , ISBN:

Classroom Language

English

Keywords

International Trade Governance; WTO Agreements, Dispute Settlement, WTO Crisis and Reform