

Seminar: EU Policy and Legal Approaches addressing Global Deforestation

Global trade in agricultural commodities is a major driver of deforestation and the European Union is the world's second market for forest-risk commodities, responsible for 10% of global deforestation. Therefore, the EU started in 2019 to address global deforestation and ecosystem degradation by adopting new policy approaches on trade and sustainability. The most recent development is the EU regulation on deforestation-free products that will prevent certain commodities and derived products from entering the EU market if they are produced illegally or cause deforestation. However, the product-specific approach of the regulation will require to be complemented by the reform of trade and sustainable development chapters in EU trade agreements, the inclusion of forests in sustainable finance, and strong EU legislation on environmental and human rights due diligence. The seminar will deal with the limits, challenges, shortcomings, and positive aspects of these recent and future developments.

The seminar will be held in English.

The seminar (limit: 15 students) is open

- to law students of specialization areas (Schwerpunktbereiche) II, IV, V, and IX (vorbereitende Leistung / Seminararbeit / Studienarbeit),
- to students from related faculties and programmes (political sciences, forestry, agriculture, history, economics)
- to Erasmus exchange and master students.

It requires basic knowledges about EU and Environmental law and policies and some English language skills. Successful participants will also be afforded a language certificate (Sprachenschein).

Participation in the seminar requires

- an application by mail to be sent to y.pacheco@jura.uni-goettingen.de before introductory meetings, indicating: (1) the name, (2) mail address, (3) the type of examination (vorbereitende Leistung/Seminararbeit/Studienarbeit), (4) the level of legal and language skills and (5) a short cv.
- Participation in one of the introductory meetings.

Introductory meetings ("Vorbereitungstermine")

Monday, 30 January 2023, 6:30 pm (hybrid*) - Monday, 17 April 2023, 9:30 am (hybrid*)
(Acceptance will be notified one day after introductory meetings).

Distribution of topics

Monday, 6 February, 3:00 pm at the office (Blue Tower, MZG.12.135)
Monday, 24 April, 4:00 pm at the office (Blue Tower, MZG.12.135)

Seminar session

The seminar session (Blockveranstaltung) with the presentations and discussion will take place in June 2023 (hybrid). Details will be announced in due course.

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