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Seminar: EU trade policy and sustainable development: climate, environment and human rights

EU „common commercial policy“ (Art. 207 TFEU) is traditionally concerned with WTO matters, the conclusion of trade agreements and related EU measures of implementation. Actually this policy area is under review and the Commission has voiced its intention, to bring trade policy in line with the EU Green Deal. A number of initiatives are under way in this regard, which include, for instance,

- a new mechanism called the CBAM (carbon border adjustment mechanism) to prevent „carbon leakage“ by way of taxing imports according to the amount of greenhouse gas emissions, which have been caused in their production,
- EU legislation for responsibility in the supply chain,
- trade measures to halt deforestation and
- a number of mechanisms proposed to remedy human rights violations caused in the production of a process.

The seminar will address these and other aspects in context. It will explore, whether these measures are effective to promote environmental protection and human rights and how they fit into our understanding of the concepts of international trade regulation.

The seminar 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. It requires basic knowledges about German 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).

Where applicable health regulations permit, the seminar will be offered in presence, including a seminar session to be held in Brussels (depending on size of group) in January or February. In parallel, participation by ZOOM will be offered for all parts (hybrid) - all ZOOM sessions:

<https://uni-goettingen.zoom.us/j/94402770955?pwd=MmhpNlluUWpjeHZhNGE1a0dJMWw3UT09>.

The timeline of the seminar is as follows:

- **26 October, 6 pm introductory meeting (Vorbereitung)**
 - Seminarraum of the Institut für Völkerrecht und Europarecht, Blauer Turm (MZG), 13th floor, room 13.122 (access via 12th floor)
 - optional participation by ZOOM
- **2 November, 9 am - distribution of topics (Themenausgabe)**
 - Office, Institut für Völkerrecht und Europarecht, Blauer Turm (MZG), 13th floor, room 13.129
 - optional participation by ZOOM
- **January/February: seminar session** with presentations and discussions. If health regulations and the size of the group permit, the seminar shall take place in Brussels. Otherwise, it will be held in Göttingen. An option to participate by ZOOM will be available under all circumstances.

Participation in the seminar requires

- an application by mail to be sent to intecolaw@jura.uni-goettingen.de until 26 October 2021

- indicating the name, mail-address, the level of legal and language skills and a short cv,
- the type of examination (vorbereitende Leistung/Seminararbeit/Studienarbeit),
- participation in the introductory meeting.

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