

Second year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

Internal Market, Trade and Sustainability

- Topic:** Internal Market, Trade and Sustainability
(Aspects of internal market law in an international perspective (WTO, TTIP, ISDS)
EU environmental law and the multilevel regime on climate change)
- Experts:** **Prof. Ingolf Pernice**, Walter Hallstein-Institut, Berlin
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Mr. Ralf Kanitz, Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy,
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- Character:** Compulsory / Specialisation course
- Teaching methods:** Course material and readings online, guided forum, webinars.
For those who write their Master thesis in this track
methodological class during the workshops, interdisciplinary
presentation and discussions during workshops
- Assessment methods:** Assignments, master thesis (written thesis and defense at the
final workshop), evaluation of the active participation in
workshops and forum discussions (continuous)
- Skills and competences:** Interdisciplinary thinking and understanding, academic research
and writing on a special subject. Law in context, requirements,
methods and innovative research. Sensibility for the integration
of theory and practice in EU-studies.

Learning outcomes, methods and course content:

The second course of the track /Module is understood as a further step of specialization and will take a more interdisciplinary perspective, with the aim to prepare for the writing of the master thesis. Internal market, trade and sustainability is the topical framework that will be approached by an in-depth study of the case-law on freedom of trade in the EU as compared to the GATT and to the trade-related provisions of the TTIP still under negotiation. This includes the substantial provisions of the three regimes, but also a comparative analysis of the rules for the judicial enforcement of the freedoms and the principle of non-discrimination, i.e. ECJ, WTO-panels and appellate body, and the still controversial Investor-State-Dispute-Settlement.

EU-environmental law and policies are an example for the need of a balance among free trade and other values, and this again plays an important role in the EU as well as at the WTO and for the free trade agreements of the EU, in force or in the process of negotiation,

like TTIP. All this will be discussed with a view to the general objective of sustainability, as spelled out in the TEU and became the subject of the Rio-Process since 1992.

Climate change is a special field of environment policy of the EU and will be discussed in this context. The multilevel structure of the regime and the special competence of the EU on climate change policies will be analysed as an example for the interconnectedness of the EU and states around the world and the attempt of the EU to participate effectively in the shaping of globalization. Though EU law will be the point of departure in this course, economics and political sciences will be integrated into the program so to ensure a productive interdisciplinary discussion, as the basis for the master theses to be written in this area.