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Seminar on Brexit and Trade Agreements

Winter Semester 2017/2018

Introductory meetings (Vorbereitung)

- Tuesday, 11 July, 6 p.m. and
- Thursday, 19 October, 6 p.m.
- Library of the Institute for International Law and European Law,
MZG „blue tower“ building, room no. 13.122

More than a year has passed since the referendum on Brexit was held in the United Kingdom (UK). On 29 March 2017, the Prime Minister of the UK notified to the European Council the UK's intent to withdraw from the European Union (EU). However, the implications of the UK's withdrawal from the EU are still unclear and there is much discussion about the objectives and content of a future withdrawal agreement under Art. 50 TEU. Even more uncertain is the future relationship between the EU and the UK. It is generally understood that a second agreement is needed to fully address these questions. Various models have been proposed, which have in common that they draw on existing trade agreements.

The seminar will address these diverse legal uncertainties and challenges, including in particular:

- UK constitutional dimensions,
- EU legal dimensions,
- legal implications of matters addressed in the course of the ongoing negotiations on a withdrawal agreement,

- models for an agreement on future EU-UK relations,
- EU and UK international relations after Brexit, including the issue of mixed agreements and membership in international organizations,
- implications of Brexit and possible solutions in view to specific issues,
- the development of EU trade agreements.

The seminar will be fully conducted in English. The oral presentations will take place in one of the EU institutions in Brussels in early 2018.

The seminar is open for students of specialization areas (Schwerpunktbereiche) II, IV, V and IX. It requires basic knowledges about EU law, international law and international economic law and some English language skills. Successful participants will be afforded a language certificate (Sprachenschein).

Tolman Hall