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Seminar: Climate Change and the World Economy

Many states and the EU take measures to combat climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions in sectors such as energy production, industry, transport and industry. They employ instruments as, for instance, emission trading and carbon taxes, introduce subsidies and seek to attract foreign investments for green technologies. To protect their industries against imports from jurisdictions with less ambitious measures („carbon leakage“), they also seek to control imports. Such policies might come into conflict with the rules of the world economy in regard to trade and investment. The seminar will discuss relevant proposals and disputes in this area, including, for instance:

- EU and US initiatives to tax products from other countries in view of the emissions caused during production,
- Climate-change related provisions in international free trade agreements,
- initiatives to reduce the deforestation risk involved in production and trade of palm oil,
- proposed instruments to reduce a risk of deforestation in international supply chains,
- trade disputes concerning import restrictions in view of the promotion of renewable energies,
- disputes between foreign investors and states concerning the introduction and change of climate change-related policies and laws.

The seminar (limit: 10 students maximum) 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). The timeline of the seminar is as follows:

Mandatory introductory meetings

11 February, 6 pm (online*), 14 March, 6 pm (online*), 19 April, 6 pm (hybrid**)

Distribution of topics

16 March, 9 am and 20 April, 9 am at the office***

Seminar session with presentations and discussions - possibly 2-3 June.

If health regulations 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 before introductory meetings,
 - 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 one of the introductory meetings.

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* online access:

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

** hybrid: online access as above and Seminarraum of the Institut für Völkerrecht und Europarecht, Blauer Turm (MZG), 13th floor, room 13.122 (access via 12th floor)

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