



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### International Trade Law

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#### Learning objectives

##### Knowledge and understanding

At the end of the course, students will have acquired good knowledge and understanding of the main facets of international trade .

##### Ability to apply knowledge and understanding

In class analysis and discussion of cases will develop students ability in applying the knowledge acquired in the course.

##### Ability to inform judgments and communication skills

Students, also through discussion with their teacher, team work and in class presentations, shall acquire correct legal terminology and shall \_\_\_\_\_

##### Learning ability

The teaching method, through in class analysis of legal texts and readings, shall enhance students' ability to learn the rules governing international trade relations\_\_\_\_\_

#### Contents

Study will focus on the multilateral system administered by the World Trade Organization. Its evolution - from a tariff agreement in the aftermath of the Second World War, to an intergovernmental organization uniting, after

China and Russia joined in, 164 countries representing almost the whole volume of International trade - will be exposed, together with its basic principles and rules. Particular attention will be placed in dealing with the relationship between the liberalization of trade and services' flows and the policy space maintained by WTO's Member States to pursue non trade values such as human rights, social rights, the environment, public health and development. The rationale and effectiveness of the rules shall be discussed in the light of the case law of the dispute settlement bodies of the Organization and of the status of WTO Agreements in EU law. A discussion on the impact of the present COVID-19 and of the 2007-2008 financial crisis on trade and on the capacity of the WTO system to restrain the raise of protectionism will introduce a final reflection on the future of the Organization, which appears challenged by the ever more frequent turn of its Members towards the conclusion of regional and preferential agreements and by the hostility of the Trump Administration towards multilateralism. A closer look into the TTIP negotiation will allow to give an insight into the recent trends in International investment law.

## **Detailed program**

The debate on liberalized trade - Origin and structure of the World Trade Organization - Analysis of the basic rules

## **Prerequisites**

## **Teaching methods**

Lectures, class discussion, team work, presentations.

During the COVID-19 emergency period lessons will be held remotely asynchronously, with synchronous videoconferencing events.

## **Assessment methods**

Oral exam. Class participation will be valued. Class attendance and presentations/tests during classes could be an alternative to the oral exam.

During the COVID-19 emergency exams will be online. They will be carried out using the WebEx platform; on the e-learning page of the course there will be a public link to access the examination.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

A. GUZMAN, J. PAUWELYN, J. HILLMAN, International Trade Law, 3rd Global Edition, New York, 2016, paperback (selected pages).

WTO Agreements and text of Panels and Appellate Body's Reports (<http://www.wto.org>); further materials shall be made available on the course e-learning page.

## **Semester**

First semester

## **Teaching language**

English

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE | REDUCED INEQUALITIES | RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION | CLIMATE ACTION

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