

Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) with specialisations

The CAS ILE programme with specialisation offers an introduction to the contemporary legal framework and the relevant underlying socio-economic and political economy concepts for a specific topic as referenced in Arts. 1 and 5 of the “Regulations governing the CAS and DAS Study Programs in International Law and Economics”.

The structure of the CAS is usually around three weekly topic-specific courses and a research paper that students write under the supervision of one of the lecturers, or a lecturer specialised in the field of study.

The CAS ILE with specialisation is a non-consecutive certificate of 12 ECTS. The CAS program consists of the following elements:

- a) A minimum of 8 ECTS must be obtained in course work, research papers, and advanced topic seminars.
- b) 4 ECTS are awarded for a CAS ILE certificate paper.
- c) Subject to the approval of the WTI and based on the student’s area of focus, students may define an area of specialisation that will be recognised in the certificate supplement given upon successful completion of the CAS ILE program. This also allows students to complete more than one CAS at the WTI with a different focus of study for each CAS ILE completed.

The CAS with specialisations consists of the following weekly modules, with their respective ECTS points awarded, following the approved Study Plan for Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) and Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) in International Law and Economics (ILE):

CAS ILE with a specialisation on International Climate Governance (CLIMGOV)

Challenges to International Climate Governance

Dates: 3-7 July 2023

Lecturers: Christoph Raible, Gabriele Spilker and Eddy Bekkers.

ECTS: 3

Description: This course will be divided in 3 parts: a) The first part will give ~~first~~ an overview of the current knowledge of Climate Change and its impacts. Thereby, the latest assessment reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will be presented; b) The second part of the course deals with the political challenges to climate change governance and covers both the international level and the domestic level; c) the third part of the course will address International economic structures and climate change drivers.

International Law and Policy Options for Climate Mitigation

Dates: 17-21 July 2023

Lecturers: Nicolas Lockhart, Dominic Coppens and Elena Cima

ECTS: 3

Description: There is broad consensus on the urgent need to pursue climate mitigation but not on the ways to do so. This course will guide participants through the international law framework governing climate mitigation, and then explore the climate mitigation policies that public and private actors can pursue consistently with the framework. This course is for anyone interested in the law

and policy of climate change – policymakers, academics, NGOs, and lawyers working on sustainability issues.

International Energy Law and Governance

Dates: 24-28 July 2023

Lecturers: Anna-Alexandra Marhold

ECTS: 3

Description: Europe and the World are confronted by a pressing, multi-level energy crisis propelled by the perfect storm of rapidly progressing climate change and Russia's war in Ukraine. Globally, as well as in Europe, a fine balance must constantly be maintained between ensuring a secure, competitive, affordable, but also a sustainable energy supply. The transition to a low carbon economy is moreover accompanied by many obstacles (regulatory, geo-political and technical). This course aims to give insight into international energy law and governance and the challenges ahead. Participants will gain a solid understanding of the relevant actors and international and regional agreements in the area of energy. It will centre on the intricacies of cross-border energy trade regulation under the rules of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) and Preferential Trade Agreements (PTA). The course will ~~always~~ link energy law and governance to timely case studies, such as the shift of European energy regulation as a response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as well as to decarbonization and climate change mitigation.

CAS ILE with a specialisation on Trade, Investment and Sustainable Development (CAS TRADESUS) (3-21 July 2023)

Technical Barriers to Trade in Pursuit of Sustainable Development

Dates: 3-7 July 2023

Lecturers: Christian Häberli and Arthur Appleton

ECTS: 3

Description: This course will explore how to harness the international trade system to advance sustainable development. We will look at what is now permitted under the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and what should be permitted were the international regulatory architecture to be revised to better meet the UN sustainable development goals (SDGs). First, the legal foundation of GATT Articles III and XX and the TBT Agreement will be discussed from the perspective of the SDGs; then we will explore whether existing international trade rules are adequate to meet environmental, governmental, labour and human rights challenges. Our thesis is that international trade rules, standards, and regulations must evolve to meet the SDGs in general, and climate change in particular. Our case studies will draw upon the Climate Change agreements, the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), and over-exploitation of palm oil in environmentally sensitive tropical regions.

Non-Trade Concerns in International Trade: Public Health and Labour Standards

Dates: 10-14 July 2023

Lecturer: Damian Raess

ECTS: 3

Description: This course examines how international trade can help achieve non-trade objectives, focusing on public health and labour standards. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought to the fore longstanding concerns about how trade policy and its implementation bear on the fulfilment of public health outcomes. Trade policy settings can enable and facilitate access to vital medicines and medical technologies such as vaccines and personal protective equipment, but can also impede or disrupt production and supply chains. Moreover, the intellectual property system has attracted

particular scrutiny, given its role in the innovation of new medical technologies and its impact on their equitable and effective diffusion dimension, especially at times when stark inequities in access were evident. The first part of the course provides a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary overview of the legal instruments, international institutions, domestic strategies and practical programs and initiatives involved in the trade policy dimension of the response to global health challenges, as exemplified by the pandemic. The second part analyzes public approaches to protect labour standards through trade.

International Investment Law and Sustainable Development

Dates: 17-21 July 2023

Lecturers: Marie-Clare Cordonier and Markus Gehring

ECTS: 3

Description: International investment flows, and principles and accords, which governs them, can either foster or frustrate global sustainability. The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) lay out a common policy agenda, 169 time-bound targets under 17 Goals to guide a transition to a more sustainable world. Advancing these SDGs, which address key global priorities such as poverty, hunger, universal access to health and education, clean water and energy, climate change, biodiversity protection, justice and more, requires significant investment, which can be incentivised by international investment law. This course examines international investment treaty law, highlighting procedural innovations and objectives, exceptions, substantive obligations and collaborative measures, which can help rather than hinder sustainability in different regions and countries. The course also surveys recent dispute settlement decisions and arbitral awards related to sustainable development, and examines how international investment promotion and governance mechanisms could promote nature positive and net zero development, more sustainable management of natural resources, and realisation of indigenous and human rights.

CAS ILE with a specialisation on Applied Trade Policy Modeling (TRADEMODO)

Foundations of Trade Policy and Trade Policy Data

Date: 12-16 June 2023

Lecturers: Achim Vogt and Selina Hauser

ECTS: 3

Description: This course presents the theory of trade policy instruments (tariffs, preferential trade agreements, non-tariff measures, trade facilitation) and introduces the students to the use of the main international datasets covering those policy instruments.

Econometric Analysis of Trade Policy

19-23 June 2023

Lecturers: Joseph Francois, Octavio Fernández-Amador, Achim Vogt and Irene Garcés Iriarte

ECTS: 3

Description: This course presents the main econometric framework to perform ex-post analysis of trade policies: the structural gravity model of trade. This model predicts bilateral trade flows based on size and distance between exporter and importer units, e.g. geographical, cultural and policy-related barriers to trade. The students are also introduced to the management of bilateral trade data and the main gravity variables.

Input-Output and Applied General Equilibrium Models

Date: 26-30 June 2023

Lecturers: Patrick Tomberger

ECTS: 3

Description: This course shows the use of input-output tables and social accounting matrices, which constitute the data basis for applied general equilibrium models. After that, students are introduced to the basics of computable general equilibrium models.