

# The World Trade Institute

University of Bern  
Switzerland



- Introduction
- Graduate Studies
- Research
- Outreach

# Core Activities

At the WTI, our aim is to shape public policy to benefit society through



on global economic governance

# Executive Board of Directors

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# What We Offer

- Interdisciplinary focus: law, economics and political science
- In-house experts, including about 40 post-doctoral and doctoral researchers and visiting research fellows
- A fly-in faculty of over 50 world-class scholars and practitioners
- Strong, international network with over 500 alumni from 100 countries



# A Vibrant Learning Environment

- Conferences
- Workshops
- Distinguished lectures
- Lunch seminars
- Social events and weekly coffee breaks with croissants





# Close Proximity to Geneva

- Cooperation with international organisations (WTO, UNCTAD, EU, etc.), Permanent Missions, NGOs



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# Doctoral Programme

- Open to Master's level graduates in economics, law and political science
- Currently 28 PhD students
- Monthly interdisciplinary seminar series
- Doctoral colloquia for presenting individual research and giving feedback to peers
- Annual retreat to exchange ideas with peers



# MILE Programme

- Master's programme in the law and economics of international trade and investment regulation
- Nine months of classes plus master thesis (full-time or part-time)
- Global faculty of visiting professors and in-house staff
- Case study approach to learning
- Academic guidance and support from faculty
- Study trips to the WTO in Geneva
- Mentoring programme
- Various internship programmes
- Financial support: students are considered for scholarships upon request
- Tuition fee: 21,000 CHF



Many alumni carve out a highly successful career – often following an internship – in:

- Governmental organisations, frequently in trade, foreign or economic ministries (25%)
- Private sector, international law firms, independent consultants (40%)
- International organisations, e.g. WTO, UNCTAD, UN, ACWL (20%)
- Non-governmental organisations, e.g. ICTSD, CUTS International (5%)
- Academia (10%)
- Alumni are part of the WTI community with strong ties to the institute (panelists at conferences, lecturing, mentoring, etc.)



# New TRAIL+ Programme

- LL.M. in International Trade and Investment Law and a Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) in International Law and Economics
- Nine months of classes plus master thesis (full-time or part-time)
- Global faculty of visiting professors and in-house staff
- Case study approach to learning
- Academic guidance and support from
- Study trips to the WTO in Geneva
- Internships
- Financial support
- Tuition fee: 21,000 CHF



# Summer Academy



- Three week summer programme
- 9–27 July 2018
- One common topic in first week with two parallel tracks for two additional weeks: 1) Trade & Sustainability and 2) Investment
- Summer Academy modules can count towards a Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) or a Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in International Law and Economics
- Tuition fee: 1,200 CHF per week



# Courses à la Carte

- Designed for public and private sector and civil society professionals
- Opportunity to enhance knowledge of select areas in international economic law and policy
- Join one or more weeks of the MILE or Summer Academy programmes, while taking minimal time off work
- Attend our programmes for a week and earn a certificate of attendance
- Tuition fee: 1,200 CHF per week



# Diploma of Advanced Studies

- Select eight weeks from the MILE or Summer Academy programmes
- Complete a scientific research paper
- Earn 30 ECTS points
- Obtain a Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) in International Law and Economics
- Tuition fee: 10,000 CHF





# Certificate of Advanced Studies

- Select three weeks from the MILE or Summer Academy programmes
- Complete a scientific research paper
- Earn 12 ECTS points
- Obtain a Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in International Law and Economics
- Tuition fee: 4,000 CHF



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- **The Governance of Big Data in Trade Agreements: Design, Diffusion and Implications**

3-year project started in May 2017 and examines the pertinent trade rules that imping on Big Data

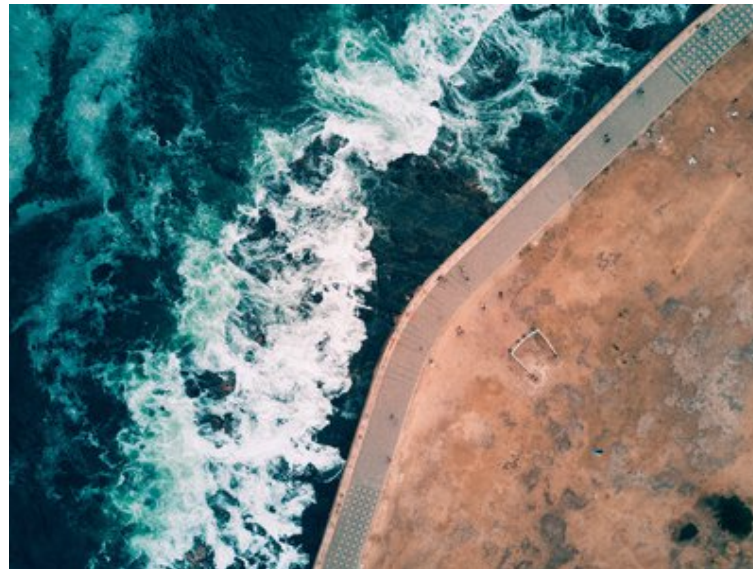
- **BRICS Globalisation and Labour Protections**

This project investigates under what conditions BRICS trade and foreign direct investment (FDI) enhances (or undermines) worker rights and conditions and labour market institutions, with a particular focus on European countries and the BRICS themselves



- **Framing Environmental Degradation, Human Mobility and Human Development as a Matter of Common Concern**

CLI\_M\_CO2 aims to approach environmental migration from a fresh perspective, regarding the issue as a 'common concern of humankind'. The project involves a case study in the South Pacific region that focuses on the 'sinking islands' in order to propose a novel approach to migration governance and state responsibility.

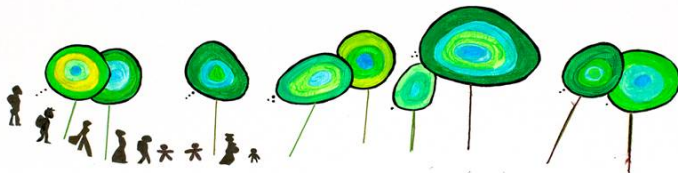


- **Climate Security with Local Authorities (CLISEL)**

By exploring the climate-security nexus from the perspective of local administrations and communities, the CLISEL project addresses the question of how Europe can be secured from the impacts of climate change in third countries.



## Climate Security with Local Authorities (CLISEL)



*From insecurity takers to security makers:  
mobilizing local authorities to secure the EU against the impacts  
of climate change in Third Countries*





# Switzerland's Sustainability Footprint and Common Concern

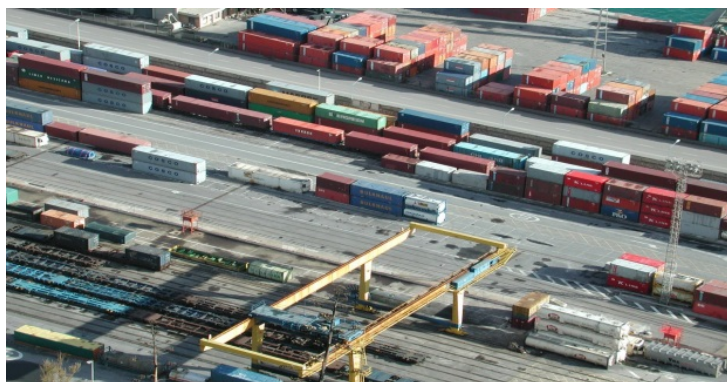
- **Switzerland's Sustainability Footprint: Economic and Legal Challenges**

Developing new measures of sustainability footprint targets for the Swiss economy, extending the literature on the effectiveness of alternative tax-based and voluntary instruments in meeting these targets, and addressing treaty-based constraints on the use of alternative instruments.

- **Common Concern Project**

Exploring the legal potential of the 'Common Concern of Humankind': climate change; biodiversity, with a particular focus on the law of the sea; monetary affairs and corporate responsibility; and human rights





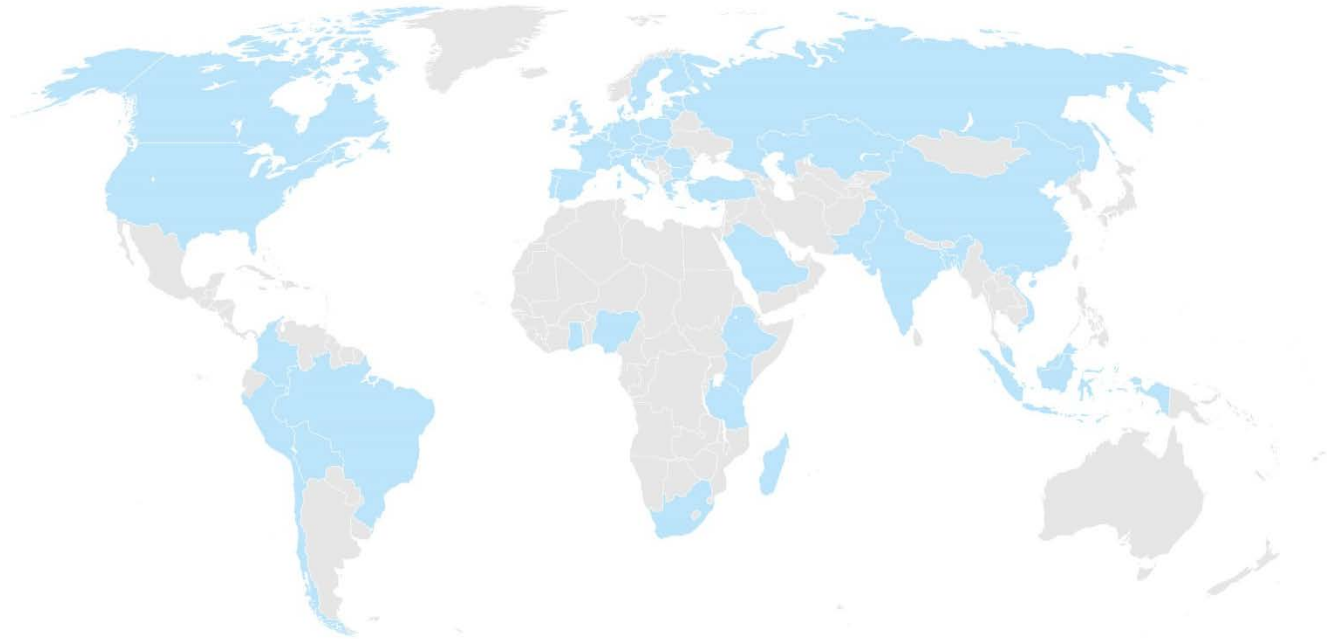
- **EDIT Project**

The Electronic Database of Investment Treaties (EDIT), is a new systematic and comprehensive database on international investment agreements, including available texts in one single language (English) and format (XML).



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**Global networks and cooperation** for joint research, staff and student exchanges, joint summer schools, and joint Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) or Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) programmes





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