

The Law of Regional Integration

23 -27 April 2018

Course Description

This course focuses on the law of regional integration both from a multilateral and regional perspective. Lectures will focus on the substantive rules of WTO relating to regional trade agreements, namely Article XXIV of the GATT 1994, Article V of the GATS and the Enabling Clause, and consider relevant WTO jurisprudence on the scope of these provisions as well as the interface between regionalism and multilateralism. Contemporary issues driving the initiation and conclusion of mega-regional trade agreements such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) will be analysed. An analysis will be made of the dispute settlement provisions in selected regional trade agreements and consider the reasons for the limited recourse to such provisions.

Course Details

Participants: Open course (MILE, TRAIL+, DAS, CAS and à la Carte)

Requirement: Optional

Price: CHF 1'800 (only for à la Carte participants)

Format: Modular, Case study lecture

ECTS: 3 (only for MILE, TRAIL+, DAS and CAS)

Lecturer: Edwini Kessie

Biography

Edwini Kessie: Edwini Kessie has a Doctorate Degree in Law from the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia and Masters' Degrees in Law from the University of Toronto, Canada and the University of Brussels, Belgium and a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the University of Ghana. He is admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Courts of England & Wales, New South Wales, Australia and Ghana. He has practised Corporate and Commercial Law in Sydney, Australia and International Trade Law and European Community Law in Brussels, Belgium. Dr. Kessie has been a staff

member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) since January 1995. He has worked in different Divisions, including the Council and Trade Negotiations Committee Division, Development Division and the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation. He is currently the Director of the Agriculture and Commodities Division. Between June 2012 and May 2017, Dr. Kessie took leave from the WTO to become the Chief Trade Adviser of the Pacific Island Countries and Chief Executive Officer of the Office of the Chief Trade Adviser located in Port Vila, Vanuatu. In this capacity, he provided technical advice on a broad range of trade and investment issues to the Pacific Island countries and supported them in the free trade negotiations (PACER Plus) with Australia and New Zealand. Dr. Kessie has participated in many international conferences on international trade and written a number of articles on international trade issues. His principal areas of interest are regional integration, agriculture, trade and development and dispute settlement.