

Border Management I: Tariffs and Quantitative Restrictions

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Course description

This course is intended to introduce the students to the main international trade rules on market access for goods, focusing in particular on two main categories of barriers: tariff barriers and quantitative restrictions imposed on both imports and exports. The module's format consists of an introductory lecture aimed at familiarizing the students with the basics of market access, from standard WTO rules to the most recent developments as emerged from WTO case law, followed by the preparation and discussion of two case studies, one on the import side and one on the export side. Students are expected to acquire a thorough understanding of the different rules applicable to different forms of barriers and to appreciate the challenges inherent to the current inconsistencies affecting WTO rules on import and export tariffs and quantitative restrictions.

Course details

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

Requirement: Optional

Price: CHF 1'200 (only for à la Carte participants)

Format: Modular, Case study course

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

Lecturers: Paolo Vergano, Ilaria Espa

Biographies

Roy Santana:

Roy Santana is a specialist on tariff and customs issues who has worked for the Market Access Division of the World Trade Organization since 2004. He has served as the Secretary of the Committee on Market Access and the Committee on Customs Valuation. He has also provided support to the Committee of Participants of the Information Technology Agreement (ITA), the negotiations for the expansion of the ITA, the Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF), the Negotiating Group on Non-

Agricultural Products (NAMA), and the ongoing negotiations for an Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA). He has also worked as technical liaison in six disputes under the Dispute Settlement Understanding of the WTO, contributed to a number of reports and publications by the WTO Secretariat and frequently trained government officials in a number of WTO agreements.

Before joining the WTO, Mr. Santana worked as a Geneva-based delegate for the Government of Costa Rica between 2001 and 2004. In 2003, he was elected vice-chairman of the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau (ITCB), and served as an alternate member of the Textiles Monitoring Body. From 1998 to 2000 he worked as a trade negotiator on issues relating to Market Access, Agriculture, and Trade & Competition Policy in numerous agreements, including the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA), and bilateral trade negotiations with Central America, Canada, Chile, the European Communities, Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Panama.

Mr. Santana holds an LL.M. in Trade Regulation from New York University (NYU), as well as a degree in Law and a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Costa Rica. Mr. Santana is a member of the New York and Costa Rican Bars. He has been lecturing at the "International Law and Economic Policy" (IELPO) master's program of the University of Barcelona since 2011, as well as the "Summer Programme on the WTO, International Trade and Development" of the Graduate Institute in Geneva between 2009 and 2015.

Ilaria Espa:

Ilaria Espa is a Senior Research Fellow at the World Trade Institute (WTI), the Academic Coordinator of the WTI Doctoral Programme and a lecturer at the University of Milan. Formerly awarded a Marie Curie fellowship from the European Commission for her post-doctoral studies, Ilaria is a member of the work package on 'Trade and Climate Change' of the NCCR Trade Regulation Programme since 2013. Within this Programme, she has conducted research on the trade law implications of policies and policy instruments implemented at various levels of governance in the areas of climate, energy and commodities, as well as on the law governing the sustainable management of natural resources. Ilaria holds a PhD in international law and economics from the Department of Legal Studies of Bocconi University and was a visiting scholar at Columbia Law School in 2012. She also holds a BA in political science and an MA in international relations from Luiss University. Ilaria is the author of a monograph on Export Restrictions on Critical Minerals and Metals: Testing the Adequacy of WTO Disciplines (Cambridge University Press, 2015) and the co-editor (with Thomas Cottier) of the volume on International Trade in Sustainable Electricity: Regulatory Challenges in International Economic Law (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).