

NON-DISCRIMINATION: LEGAL ANALYSIS AND CASE LAW

Course description

These lectures cover the fundamental principles of Most-Favoured Nation Treatment and National Treatment in the WTO agreements. They concentrate on the jurisprudence of WTO Panels and the Appellate Body concerning GATT Articles I and III, and GATS Articles II and XVII. Non-discrimination is a core principle of the international trading system, and a detailed understanding of its meaning in international trade law will be of particular interest to all interested in WTO law, including those working for governments and NGOs, international lawyers and academics.

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: Gabrielle Marceau, Lothar Ehring

Biographies

Gabrielle Marceau: Gabrielle Marceau, Ph.D., is Senior Counsellor in the Legal Affairs Division of the WTO, which she joined in September 1994. Her main function is to advise panellists in WTO disputes, the Director-General Office and the Secretariat on WTO related matters. From September 2005 to January 2010, Gabrielle Marceau was a member of the Cabinet of the WTO Director General Pascal Lamy. Professor Marceau is also Associate Professor at the University of Geneva where she teaches WTO law to students from the law and international relations faculties. Professor Marceau is also President of the International Economic Law Society (SIEL). Before joining the GATT/WTO, Professor Marceau worked in private practice in Quebec, Canada, mainly in the sectors of labour law and insurance law. Professor Marceau has published extensively, namely in WTO related matters.

Lothar Ehring: Lothar Ehring is Senior Expert in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Trade, where he currently serves in the Legal Unit, after returning from a secondment to the European Commission's Support Group for Ukraine (2014-2016). Before that, he served as the Assistant to the Deputy Director-General responsible for multilateral trade, legal affairs, trade defence instruments and bilateral trade relations with North America, Europe and its neighbours and Central Asia. 2003-2009, Lothar Ehring already served in the Unit that is responsible for Legal Aspects of Trade Policy. Prior to his appointment to the European Commission, Lothar Ehring briefly worked as Legal Affairs Officer in the Legal Affairs Division and the Appellate Body Secretariat of the World Trade Organization in Geneva on dispute settlement cases. He graduated in law from the University of Passau in Germany, holds the German qualification for the judicial office and a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University.