

Trade Remedies II: Subsidies & Countervailing Measures

Course description

This course will examine the provisions of the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, their implementation and their evolution. The course will be divided into three main parts: (i) the Subsidies Disciplines (which include the definition of a subsidy, the types of subsidies, their adverse effects to trade as well as the rules on special and differential treatment to developing countries); (ii) the provisions on the application of Countervailing Measures; and (iii) the current DDA negotiations and climate change as far as the SCM agreement is concerned. Legal and practical questions will be raised during the course, and where appropriate examples of dispute settlement cases will be discussed.

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, expository-interactive lecture

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

Lecturers: Victoria Donaldson, Victor Do Prado

Biographies

Victoria Donaldson: Victoria Donaldson is Chief Legal Officer at the WTO Appellate Body Secretariat. Before joining the WTO in 1999, she practiced trade and competition law in Brussels and served as a law clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada. Ms Donaldson has been a Visiting WTO Fellow at the University of Adelaide, and she has lectured at the University of Melbourne Law School, the National Law University in Jodhpur, and the Universidad Externado in Bogotá. She frequently serves as a judge for university moot court competitions relating to international trade law.

Ms Donaldson holds an LL.M. degree from Harvard University, an LL.B. degree from the University of British Columbia, B.A. and M.A. degrees in law from the University of Oxford and an A.B. in International Relations from Stanford University. Ms Donaldson is a Solicitor of the Law Society of England & Wales and a Member of the New York Bar.

Victor Do Prado: Victor do Prado currently works as Director of Council and TNC Division at the WTO. He previously served as a Counsellor in the WTO Rules Division where he acted as a Secretary of the WTO Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. During his work at the WTO, he held the position of the Chairman of the Subsidies Committee, served as a panellist in various cases and was a Member of the Brazilian Delegation in dispute settlement proceedings several times. Mr Do Prado holds a Degree in Law from the University of São Paulo and a Master in International Relations from the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy. He has lectured at the University of Paris, the Freie Universität Berlin and at Georgetown University Law School.