

Border Management II: Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation

Course description

The first part of the course will consist of lectures and studies on tariffs, tariff restrictions, tariffication, VERs, tariff rate quotas and licensing regimes, and the law of quantitative restrictions (for example, methods, concessions, consolidation, bindings and compensation). The second part of the course will cover the many challenges of managing the border, drawing attention to the economics of trade costs and the economic underpinnings of the recent trade policy interest in issues of trade facilitation. The course will also review the key legal and negotiating challenges arising in customs law, it will explore the complex area of rules of origin in both multilateral and preferential negotiation settings, and it will conclude with an in-depth look at the negotiation agenda on trade facilitation in the WTO. This course will be of particular interest to those interested in private sector trading, agriculture and government negotiations and regulation.

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 course

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

Lecturers: Davide Rovetta, Roy Santana

Biographies

Davide Rovetta

Davide Rovetta is a customs and trade lawyer at Brussels based law firm Grayston&Company as well as Of Counsel at the Italian international audit and law

firm Specchia & Associati acting mainly as a trial attorney with substantial experience advising and representing clients in customs and trade related matters, WTO law as well as in criminal law matters related to trade laws. In addition he has wide experience related to arbitration in commercial and investment and public international law matters. He has appeared on a number of occasions as a member of a sovereign WTO Member delegation before WTO Panels and the Appellate Body as well as before tax, customs, criminal and civil Courts and Tribunals in various EU countries. Davide has published widely on EU customs, trade law, arbitration and WTO issues. Before going back to private practice Davide has worked for 10 years at the European Commission's DG TAXUD dealing with customs, trade and WTO issues as well as EU law.

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.