

Border Management I: Tariffs and Quantitative Restrictions

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)

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Biographies

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).

Paolo R. Vergano: Paolo R. Vergano is a partner at FratiniVergano - European Lawyers (www.fratinivergano.eu) and a member of the firm's Trade Group. His practice focuses on international trade law (i.e., WTO law, dispute settlement and trade negotiations in the areas of agriculture, services and non-tariff barriers such as sanitary and phytosanitary measures and technical barriers to trade). Mr. Vergano has extensive experience in advising Governments on WTO accession procedures and multilateral/regional/bilateral trade negotiations. He represents private clients affected by WTO and FTA negotiations on a wide variety of market access issues, both in relation to trade in goods and trade in services. Mr. Vergano started his professional career in Brussels in 1995, working on trade issues and early WTO dispute settlement procedures at the British law firm of Stanbrook and Hooper. Prior to co-founding FratiniVergano in 2007, he also worked at the European Parliament as a researcher with the External Economic Relations (REX) Committee, in the International Trade Group of White & Case LLP in Washington, DC and at O'Connor and Company in Brussels, where he became partner in 2005. Mr. Vergano is admitted in Belgium and is a member of the Brussels bar (A list) and of the IPBA, of which he is the Chair of the International Trade Committee. Mr. Vergano is a graduate of the Faculty of Law of the University of Torino, Italy (1995), received a Diplôme Supérieur de Droit Comparé at the Faculté Internationale de Droit Comparé in Strasbourg, France (1996) and holds a Master's degree in International Business and Trade Law from the University of Fordham School of Law in New York, United States (1997). He is a frequent lecturer and author on issues of WTO law.