

International Investment Law

Root Number:	26887
Semester:	Fall semester- HS2022
ECTS:	5
Lecturer:	Dr. Rodrigo Javier Polanco
Start Date:	19 September 2022
End date:	23 December 2022
Dates:	Tuesdays 12:00 – 14:00
Room:	Silva Casa Auditorium, World Trade Institute
Registration:	19/9/2022 - 7/11/2022 in KSL only
Deregistration:	19/9/2022 – 2/12/2022 in KSL only
Assessment:	Active participation during the seminar, discussion of a paper, seminar paper (individual)

Course Description

This is a lecture course designed to introduce the international law governing foreign direct investment. We will cover the basic elements of the protection of foreign property from expropriation and unfair treatment as developed in treaties and cases. We will also examine the dispute settlement mechanism of the ICSID in addition to traditional state-to-state dispute settlement. We will also take a look at insurance schemes available to investors from governments and organizations, as well as reviewing the remaining barriers to transboundary investment activities.

Lecturer

Rodrigo Polanco

Rodrigo is a Senior Researcher, Lecturer and Academic Coordinator of Advanced Master Programmes at the World Trade Institute, University of Bern, a Legal Advisor at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, and a Visiting Professor at the University of Chile. He is Visiting Professor at the University of Chile Faculty of Law, where he also served as Assistant Professor and Director of International Affairs. Rodrigo holds a Bachelor and a Master of Laws from Universidad de Chile, an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from New York University and a PhD from the University of Bern, specialised in international investment law.

Rodrigo joined the WTI as a researcher/lecturer, and as coordinator of the SECO Project (which supported development of Regional Competence Centres for Trade Law and Policy in Peru, South Africa, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Chile) and of the SNIS Project (Diffusion of International Law: A Textual Analysis of International Investment Agreements). He also is a former Lecturer and Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Luzern (NRP 75 – The Governance of Big Data in Trade Agreements). He is also a cofounder of Fiscalía del Medio Ambiente, a Chilean non-profit environmental organisation.

Learning Outcome

Gain an understanding of the special situation of foreign investors. Learn about the main principles as set out in international agreements and case law. Critically assess the movements to reform the current international investment law regime.

Course Schedule

D	Weekday	Date	Beginning	End	Room
1	Tuesday	20/9/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	27/9/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	4/10/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	11/10/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	18/10/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	25/10/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	1/11/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	8/11/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	15/11/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	22/11/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	29/11/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	6/12/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	13/12/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Tuesday	20/12/2022	12:00	14:00	Silva Casa Auditorium