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Seminar: International and EU Investment Law – Current Developments

For decades, the protection of foreign investments and investors has been ruled upon by international agreements and was enforced through international investment arbitration, under the investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS) system. Now, the legitimacy of this system stands in question – particularly so within the European Union (EU). Long-standing international investment agreements are cancelled or amended and new ones, often lacking the ISDS mechanism, are concluded. At EU level, new forms of protection are explored, based on national legislation and human rights law, and adjudicated by ordinary courts. The seminar will deal with these developments, recent arbitration awards and court cases from around the world and latest treaty reforms. It will also discuss current activities of the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the United Nations Conference on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the EU on the matter.

The seminar will be held in English.

The seminar (limit: 20 students) will be conducted in English and is open to law students of specialization areas (Schwerpunktbereiche) II, IV, V and IX (vorbereitende Leistung / Seminararbeit / Studienarbeit), for Erasmus exchange and master students of related programs, including those of other Faculties. It requires basic knowledges about German public law, EU law, international law, economic or environmental law and some English language skills. Successful participants will also be afforded a language certificate (Sprachenschein).

Participation in the seminar requires

- an application by mail to be sent to intecolaw@jura.uni-goettingen.de before introductory meetings,
- indicating (1) the name, (2) mail-address, (3) the type of examination (vorbereitende Leistung/Seminararbeit/Studienarbeit), (4) the level of legal and language skills and (5) a short cv,
- participation in one of the introductory meetings.

Acceptance will be notified one day after introductory meetings.

Timeline

Mandatory introductory meetings

Thursday, 26 January 2023, 6:30 pm (hybrid*)

Monday, 17. April 2023, 6:30 pm (hybrid*)

Distribution of topics

Monday, 6 February, 9 am at the office**

Monday, 24 April, 9 am at the office**

The oral presentations and discussion will take place in a seminar session (Blockveranstaltung) in Brussels in June or July and include a visit to EU institutions. An option to participate via ZOOM will be available under all circumstances.

Prof. Stoll

* Seminarraum of the Institut für Völkerrecht und Europarecht, Blauer Turm (MZG), 13th floor, room 13.122 (access via 12th floor) and online access will be sent out prior to the introductory meetings on request by mail.

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