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Seminar: Interconnections between investment law and other areas of international law

Over the last two decades, international investment law has been one of the fastest-growing areas of international economic law, if not public international law. As such, international investment law has risen to a high level of prominence. This prominence is reflected in the growing number of high-profile arbitrations (*Yukos*, *Achmea*, *Occidental*), huge academic output, countless webinars and, consequently, expanding career opportunities. International investment law does not, of course, operate in a vacuum. It is heavily influenced by other fields of (public) international law, and in turn, can also have an impact on the evolution of those various fields - as well as global policy. International arbitration has long played an important role in resolving disputes that arise out of political and economic crises (Argentina cases), often resulting in awards reaching billions of dollars. Parties have used international arbitral mechanisms to bring and resolve complex disputes involving key areas of national interest such as public health (*Philip Morris*) or nuclear policy (*Vattenfall*). Investment arbitration is also no stranger to (counter-)claims concerning human rights law or indigenous peoples' rights. Conversely, it cannot be forgotten that, as a sub-area of international law, international investment law is also subject to a number of PIL rules and principles: treaty interpretation, state responsibility, diplomatic protection, necessity and so on.

This seminar will address the interactions between international investment law and other areas of international law, aiming to develop students' knowledge and understanding of current developments in international investment law and arbitration.

The seminar (limit: 15 students maximum) 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). The timeline of the seminar is as follows:

Mandatory introductory meetings

11 February, 6 pm (online*), 14 March, 6 pm (online*), 19 April, 6 pm (hybrid**)

Distribution of topics

16 March, 11 am and 20 April, 11 am at the office***

Seminar session with presentations and discussions will take place in July

Participation in the seminar requires

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

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* online access:

<https://uni-goettingen.zoom.us/j/94402770955?pwd=MmhpNllUWpJeHZhNGE1a0dJMWw3UT09>

** hybrid: online access as above and Seminarraum of the Institut für Völkerrecht und Europarecht, Blauer Turm (MZG), 13th floor, room 13.122 (access via 12th floor)

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