

Seminar International Investment Law (LL.M.)

The seminar deals with International Investment Law, which is a special field of International Economic Law. The rules in investment treaties are intended to provide special protection for foreign investments – especially with regard to political risks such as expropriation and discrimination. The discussion in the context of the European free trade agreements with the USA (TTIP) and Canada (CETA) shows that International Investment Law is a very controversial field in International Law.

The participants are also expected to deal intensively with English-language literature and to conduct research at other universities for this purpose. They should independently familiarise themselves with the scientific literature. Visiting the two lectures on International Investment Law will be of great help for the participants.

The seminar will be held as a **block seminar**. A date for this will be announced. The seminar papers will have to be submitted in two printed versions as well as in one electronic PDF version. The electronic versions of the seminar papers will be sent to all participants for detailed preparation of the seminar. **Each participant is expected to engage in a thorough discussion of the papers of the other seminar participants.**

Special attention is once again drawn to the formal requirements. Close attention will be paid to these and to compliance with the submission deadlines, as well as to **independent, proper and comprehensive literature research.**

Note: The deadline for **withdrawing from the examination without giving reasons** according to § 13 I 3 PO LLB-DEWR 2012 (§ 9 V 2 FPO LLB-DEWR 2019) and § 12 I 3 PO LLM-DEWR 2013 (§ 8 V FPO LLM-DEWR 2019) corresponds to the **registration deadline of the examination office.**

The preliminary meeting will take place on 06.04.2022 at 5.00 pm (s.t.).

Topics will be assigned during the preliminary meeting. **Participation in the preliminary meeting is a prerequisite for participation in the seminar.** This also applies to participation in the

Workshop on writing a legal thesis.

The **respective rooms as well as the date of the workshop** will be announced on the website of the professorship.

Possible topics:

1. The historical development of International Investment Law
2. Investment protection under the law of aliens
3. Investment protection via investor-State-contracts
4. Investment treaties – Necessity or a threat to State sovereignty?

5. Issues concerning the competences of the European Union in the field of foreign direct investment
6. Problems arising out of intra-EU BITs
7. The notion of investor in International Investment Law
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9. Non-discrimination in International Investment Law – Developments concerning most favoured nation treatment
10. Full protection and security in the current and future system of International Investment Law
11. Property protection – The problem of indirect expropriations
12. Fair and equitable treatment – The case of legitimate expectations
13. Umbrella clauses in investment treaties
14. The right to regulate in International Investment Law
15. The investment arbitration mechanism
16. Current developments in the field of investment dispute resolution – Dispute resolution in the CETA