



TRADE POLICY

UNDERSTANDING THE ESSENTIALS OF EU TRADE POLICY, WTO AND THE EU'S TRADE AGREEMENTS

The main purpose of this Trade Policy course is to ensure that participants are thoroughly acquainted with the key aspects of EU Trade law and policy, WTO-related issues, and the role played by the EU in the global trade arena.

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER		TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER		WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER		THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER	
09.30 - 10.00 Welcome remarks and warm-up		09.30 - 11.00 The future of WTO reform		09.30 - 11.00 EU - Mercosur trade agreement: <i>promises and problems of a strategic partnership</i>		09.30 - 11.00 Sustainability provisions in EU trade policy: <i>TSD chapters, CBAM, deforestation, and corporate due diligence</i>	
10.00 - 11.15 The European Union and international trade							
COFFEE BREAK		COFFEE BREAK & GROUP PICTURE		COFFEE BREAK		COFFEE BREAK	
11.30 - 12.45 The Common Commercial Policy in a nutshell		11.15 - 12.30 The EU's role in the WTO System		11.15 - 12.30 The EU and India: <i>Strategic partnership or friction zone?</i>		11.15 - 12.30 New assertive EU trade instruments : <i>deterrence, defence, and enforcement</i>	
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14.00 - 15.30 Introduction to the World Trade Organization (WTO): <i>Why it was created, how it works, and why it matters for global trade</i>		13.45 - 15.15 New issues on the trade agenda: <i>digital and services trade, AI, and resilience of global supply chains</i>		13.45 - 15.15 The EU and the United States: <i>Turnberry, tariffs, and Tech regulation</i>		13.45 - 15.15 Keynote lecture: EU trade policy in the new geopolitical era	
COFFEE BREAK		COFFEE BREAK		COFFEE BREAK		COFFEE BREAK	
15.45 - 17.00 Current challenges facing the WTO		15.30 - 17.00 The EU external raw materials strategy: <i>how the EU builds new partnerships to reduce its strategic dependencies</i>		15.30 - 17.00 The EU and China: <i>Cooperation, competition, and confrontation</i>		15.30 - 17.00 Beyond mainstream trade thinking: <i>critical perspectives</i>	
						17.00 - 17.30 Closing remarks, course feedback & awarding of certificates	
17.15 Welcome reception		17.30 Guided Tour of Bruges					



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