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**Course: Law**

**Degree:** Bachelor

**Branch:** Core curriculum

**Study plan:** Aviso n.º 9088/2019, de 23 de maio

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**Teaching staff:**

**Professor in charge of the curricular unit**

Prof. Doutor Petros Mavroidis

**Other Professors of the curricular unit**

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**Language of instruction:**

English

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**Functioning:**

There is an emerging triangle in international economic relations: trade-development-environment. The latter concerns both developed and developing countries of course. Developing countries though, often have other priorities and simply lack the means to invest in environmental protection. In this course, we will explore how a better use of the available means can simultaneously contribute to development and the protection of environment.

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**Intended learning outcomes:**

Students will be become aware of the constraints in achieving the outcome explained above, and encouraged to think creatively about the challenges that the world community is now facing.

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**Syllabus:**

**April 22, 2024**                      **14.30-17.30**

**Explanation of the Course**

**National Treatment**

*Readings:* Mavroidis vol. 1, pp. 333-396

*Leading Cases:* Japan-Alcoholic Beverages II (AB); EC-Asbestos (AB)

*Recommended:* US-Taxes on Automobiles (GATT); Korea-Variious Measures on Beef (AB); EC-Seal Products (AB)

*Readings:* Mavroidis vol. 1, pp. 185-312

*Leading Cases:* Canada-Renewable Energy (AB)

*Recommended:* US-FSC (AB)

### General Exceptions

*Readings:* Mavroidis vol. 1, pp. 411-496

*Leading Cases:* US-Shrimp (AB) General Exceptions; US-Steel and Aluminum Products (Switzerland) National Security

*Recommended:* US-Tuna I (Mexico) (GATT)

**April 23, 2024** **14.30-17.30**

### Developing Countries

*Readings:* Mavroidis vol. 1, pp. 241-288

*Leading Case:* EC-Tariff Preferences (AB)

**April 24, 2024** **14.30-17.30**

### Environmental Taxes (C-BAM and WTO Law)

[https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism\\_en](https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism_en)

**May 13, 2024** **14.30-17.30**

### Environmental Subsidies:

*Readings:* Aaron Cosbey, and Petros C. Mavroidis. 2014. A Turquoise Mess: Green Subsidies, Blue Industrial Policy, and Renewable Energy; The Case for Redrafting the Subsidies Agreement of the WTO, *Journal of International Economic Law*, 17: 11-47.

**May 14, 2024** **14.30-17.30**

### International Environmental Standards

*Readings:* Mavroidis vol. 2, pp. 377-454

*Leading Case:* US-Tuna II (Mexico) (AB)

*Recommended:* EC-Sardines (AB)

**May 15, 2024** **14.30-17.30**

### Treatment of Scientific Expertise before WTO Courts

*Readings:* Mavroidis vol. 2, pp. 455-512

*Leading Case:* US-Suspended Concession (AB)

*Recommended:* Working Party on US Temporary Surcharge, GATT Doc. L/3573 (1971)

**May 16, 2024** **14.30-16.30**

### Developing Countries, and Non-Tariff Preferences

*Readings:* Mavroidis vol. 1, pp. 241-288

[https://www.wto.org/english/docs\\_e/legal\\_e/tfa-nov14\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/tfa-nov14_e.htm)

*Leading Case:* EC-Tariff Preferences (AB)

### The Paris Agreement

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*Readings:* [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/english\\_paris\\_agreement.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/english_paris_agreement.pdf)

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*Evidence of the syllabus coherence with the curricular units intended learning outcomes: -*

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*Recommended prior learning (or curricular units whose prior attendance is recommended):*

It is advisable to also take my course on History of Trade Integration

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### *Teaching and assessment methods:*

I prepare power point for each session

Students will take a multiple-choice exam. It is open book exam.

The overall grade for each student will be determined by the grade for the exam, influenced by class participation and attendance.

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***Evidence of the teaching methods and the intended learning outcomes:***

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***Bibliography:***

John H. Jackson, William Davey, Alan O. Sykes. 2021. Legal Problems of International Economic Relations, West Publishing: Eagan, Minnesota

Petros C. Mavroidis. 2016. The Regulation of International Trade, Volume 1, MIT Press: Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Students are encouraged to look for the text of the leading cases in [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org). The leading (and recommended) cases are distinguished into:

GATT (GATT panel reports);

P (referring to WTO panel reports);

AB (referring to WTO Appellate Body reports)

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***Legislation: -***