

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	EU TRADE LAW AND POLICY		
MODULE CODE	LA4950 (L7)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

This module mainly aims to investigate and analyse EU external trade and commercial transactions as well as the role of the EU as an international actor in external relations with various geographic regions. The EU's economic and political strategic interests as expressed in various legal documents and agreements with third Countries will be the main focus, as well as relevant EU policies, decision-making and practices in areas relevant to trade and commercial transactions, within the EU and with respect to EU external trade relations. The module will also offer an in-depth analysis of the Union's relations with other trading blocs and with the WTO as well as a review of the legal effects of international trade agreements, instruments and dispute settlement mechanisms in the EU legal order. It will conclude with a comparison of EU instruments in EU external relations, especially under the Common Commercial Policy, the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the European Neighbourhood Policy and Development Policy. The module aims to engender a critical approach to understanding the control of key economic and political factors in the EU and their impact on EU and non-EU business and government strategies and operations in the EU and internationally. This critical understanding will take account of the global economic environment and the European integration context of the legal provisions under review.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

- Doing business in the EU in the 21st century: market integration and critical issues of economic governance
- The EU in international trade negotiations: EU external competence
- EU Common Commercial Policy: the practice of express, conferred and implied powers
- EU Common Foreign and Security Policy
- EU Neighbourhood and Development Policy
- Reception of international law in the EU legal order
- EU as an actor in external relations and in regional economic development

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate substantial in-depth knowledge of the EU as a commercial regulator and negotiator of global trade issues.
 2. Examine the past and present of European Union's relations with various geographic regions and critically analyse the impact of EU commercial law and transactions on economic, social and policy decisions of governments and businesses in third countries.
 3. Critically evaluate the development, implementation and enforcement of the measures relating to economic governance in the EU in general and specific to commercial transactions.
 4. Acquire a critical comparative understanding of the various EU instruments in external relations.
 5. Research, critically evaluate and present well-structured arguments in written and oral work.
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TEACHING METHODS

This module is organised into 2-hour weekly seminars. During each seminar, the tutor will deliver a short presentation and facilitate a discussion of critical issues within the said topic led by the students, either working in groups or individually. Some topics may be divided between two Seminars. Students will be expected to have independently researched the issues for discussion in each seminar and to come to seminars prepared to respond and participate in an open and active critical discussion.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through an individual presentation and a written assignment.