

Course: LAWS 4200A International Economic Law
Issues in International Trade Law

Term: Fall 2013

Class Information: Mondays, 8:35 – 11:25 AM
Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current time
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Course Description:

There is now a renewed interest in how the global economy is governed. This seminar introduces students to certain key issues and debates in the field of global trade governance from an interdisciplinary perspective. Engagement with important scholarship in the area will allow students to develop a critical perspective on the ways in which the rules, institutions and processes associated with international trade and investment impact people and places. Some specific topics that will be examined include the intersections of international trade and development, history and practices of international economic institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization, gender and trade, fair trade, critiques of the current economic order from the global South, Indigenous Peoples and contemporary conflicts over resources. Throughout the course, emphasis is placed on understanding the role of law in the global economic system and the ways in which it is shaped and experienced. The seminar will conclude with a ‘stakeholder meeting’, an in class role-play exercise that will allow students to engage with a real dispute that involves various issues discussed in the term.

Texts:

Links to all online material will be available on CU Learn. Texts that are not available online are on reserve in the library.

Class Format:

Seminar style discussion of assigned readings guided by questions.

Evaluation:

(All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade)

Paper topic, outline and preliminary bibliography	10%
Response paper	10%
Presentation and leading discussion by preparing and circulating questions in advance for one class	15%
Participation in class exercise – ‘stakeholder meeting’	10%
Class participation	10%
Final Paper	45%

Schedule

Session 1 (September 9): Introduction and Overview

Session 2 (September 16): Introduction to International Trade & Issues

Session 3 (September 23): Colonial Legacies

Session 4 (September 30): Trade and Development

Session 5 (October 7): Institutions

Session 6 (October 21): Gendering International Trade

Session 7 (November 4): Trade, Democracy and Good Governance

Session 8 (November 11): Fair Trade

Session 9 (November 18): Understanding Resistance

Session 10 (November 25): The Global Economy & Indigenous Peoples

Session 11 (December 2): Investment, Development and Displacement

Session 12 (December 9): ‘Stakeholder Meeting’