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The World Trade Institute

The World Trade Institute (WTI) is a centre of advanced studies of the University of Bern. Founded in 1999, the WTI focuses on education, research and advisory services in the field of international trade regulation. The WTI is committed to augmenting its institutional knowledge and stature as a centre where scholars and practitioners from all over the world come together to expand the boundaries of the multilateral trading system.

– Master of International Law and Economics (MILE), established 2000
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– International Investment Initiative (I³), established 2010

Led by Thomas Cottier, Managing Director and Pierre Sauvé, Director of Studies, of the World Trade Institute

We bring together government representatives, scholars and practitioners from all over the world to train in WTO law and policy. With an interdisciplinary foundation fusing law, economics and international relations, the WTI equips tomorrow’s leaders with the knowledge required to understand and negotiate today’s most challenging international issues and agreements.
1. The Art and Science of Trade Negotiations
8 – 12 July 2013
Felix Addor, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property and University of Bern; Martin Girsberger, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Berne
This course develops systematic skills in diagnosing and managing trade negotiations. It is an experience-based module consisting of presentations of negotiation theory and concepts, followed by exercises and a large-scale negotiation simulation. The course aims to enhance participants’ awareness about the negotiation process, provides concepts and tools for addressing negotiations and gives participants a sense of how negotiations are conducted at the WTO.

2. The Law of Non-Discrimination: Lessons from Recent WTO Jurisprudence
15 – 19 July 2013
Arthur Appleton, Appleton Luff – International Lawyers, Geneva; Thomas Cottier, World Trade Institute, University of Bern
This course will centre on the non-discrimination principle in WTO agreements covering trade in goods, services and intellectual property rights. Non-discrimination as applied by members of preferential trade agreements and bilateral investment treaties will be an additional area of focus. The course will draw on the latest case law and explore the implications of recent jurisprudence for governments, businesses and consumers.

3. Building Capacity to Negotiate, Implement and Prevent Disputes under International Investment Agreements
22 – 26 July 2013
Roberto Echandi, International Finance Corporation, World Bank, Washington DC; Mariana Hernandez-Crespo, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis
This course will introduce participants to the most relevant topics in the areas of conflict management, dispute prevention and systems design in the investment field.

The training will focus on familiarising participants with the emerging fields of Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR) and Dispute Systems Design (DSD). The alternatives for conflict management and early resolution will be emphasised, because they can potentially reduce recourse to binding arbitration under investment treaties.

4. Trade, Monetary and Financial Law and Policy: Exploring the Linkages
29 July – 2 August 2013
Thomas Cottier, World Trade Institute, University of Bern; Kern Alexander, Law Faculty, University of Zurich; Marc Auboin, Economics Research and Statistics Division, World Trade Organization, Geneva
This course explores key structural differences between the international trade, monetary and financial systems from a law and economics perspective. It assesses the current international monetary and financial architecture and analyses post-crisis developments in international financial regulation. The module explores the trade and finance interface, focusing on the WTO’s coherence agenda and the trade governance implications of currency fluctuations.

5. The Politics and Economics of Preferential Trade Agreements
5 – 9 August 2013
Manfred Elsig, World Trade Institute, University of Bern; Peter Holmes, University of Sussex; Anirudh Shingal, World Trade Institute, University of Bern
The course investigates the political and economic forces shaping the increasing recourse to preferential trade agreements in trade governance and the systematic implications deriving from such fragmentation for the WTO system. Participants will also become familiar with TradeSift, the Systematic Integrated Framework for Trade Analysis developed at the University of Sussex (UK), an innovative piece of software designed to enable the economic analysis of regional trade agreements without the need for sophisticated economic modelling or specialised training in economics.

Admission
Admission is limited to 65 participants per week. We accept individuals who have completed an undergraduate degree or are about to graduate. Participants are expected to have a strong command of English.

Tuition Fees
The Summer Academy courses can be attended in a flexible, “à la carte” manner. Tuition for one week is CHF 1,300. We offer you a discount if you decide to stay for more than one week:
- Two weeks: CHF 2,500
- Three weeks: CHF 3,600
- Four weeks: CHF 4,500
- Five weeks: CHF 5,250

Applications
Applying to the Summer Academy is straightforward: send the completed and signed application form (downloadable from our website at www.wti.org) together with your CV and a digital photo to summer@wti.org. Applications are accepted until the maximum number of participants is reached.

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