

5468M WTO Law and Practice  
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Certificate / Master - 6 crédits

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Jeudis 12:15-14:00 Classes will take place in person, with the exception of 2-3 sessions via Zoom (dates to be confirmed). In addition, 2 classes will be held extramuros (at the WTO).  
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**Objectif :**

The "WTO Law and Practice" course focuses on the legal aspects of the World Trade Organization.

**Description :**

It is structured around the following broad themes: first, the origins of today's multilateral trading system, spanning the period from the post-WWII adoption of the GATT (the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) up to and including the creation of the WTO in 1995; second, the WTO's role and purpose, both as a governance forum for discussion among its membership of all trade-related issues and as an international institution in its own right; third, certain of the most interesting and significant WTO adjudicated international trade disputes, looking especially at how the Appellate Body has grown into a widely celebrated "court of highest appeal" in international economic law; fourth, and finally, the WTO as a truly "avant-garde" organization, looking especially at recent developments in the areas of trade in services and trade in intellectual property, and reflecting again on the strengths and weaknesses of the WTO's distinct approach to global governance.

On a joint basis of lecture attendance and background reading, this course will enable participants to develop a nuanced understanding of the basic legal principles that, from once underpinning the GATT, are now at the heart of the WTO.

An end-of-term oral exam will allow course participants to be graded on the level of their understanding.