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As part of a joint initiative together with the Institute for Agricultural Law, Prof. Martinez and we organize two seminars, which do both address “**the EU and international law on agriculture and trade**”. The oral sessions will jointly take place in Brussels at the end of the summer semester in German and English language.

Seminar: Agriculture: The right to food, food security and food sovereignty - human rights, trade and geopolitics

Access to affordable food in good quality, produced by farmers and distributed by markets at local, regional and global levels is a key concern for human rights, sustainable development and the international economy. In times of climate change, environmental degradation, mounting geopolitical tensions, armed conflict and the frequent use of economic sanctions around the globe, food security is key for the right to food to be fully implemented. While this suggests us to call for international cooperation and open markets, some also advocate the opposite, namely to aim for food sovereignty.

Next to important economic, social, cultural and political considerations, the issue at hand has important legal implications. In various capitals, in Brussels and in the UN the issues are discussed by reference to legal concepts such as human rights, security, sovereignty and the principles of the international trade system.

The seminar will explore the role, that these legal concepts play in the discussions at EU and international levels. Topics for papers may include areas such as:

- human rights law,
- the global law of sustainable development,
- international environmental law and climate change law,
- the law of economic sanctions,
- the concepts of food security and food sovereignty
- or recent developments in free trade agreements.

The overall theme and leading questions of the seminar as well as research methods will be further explained in an introductory workshop (date follows in the introductory meetings) prior to the distribution of topics.

The seminar (limit: 10 students) will be conducted **in English** and is open to law students of specialization areas (Schwerpunktbereiche) II, V and IX (vorbereitende Leistung / Seminararbeit / Studienarbeit), for Erasmus exchange and master students of related programs, including those of other Faculties.

Participation requires basic knowledges of public law, EU law, international law, economic or environmental law and some English language skills. Successful participants will also be afforded a language certificate (Sprachenschein).

It is intended that the oral part of the seminar will take place in Brussels in June or July, jointly with a seminar organized by Prof. Dr. José Martinez on EU Agricultural Law (anticipated in

July). We are currently seeking funds to offer financial support. In any case, online participation will be made available.

Participation in the seminar requires

- an application by mail to be sent to intecolaw@jura.uni-goettingen.de before introductory meetings, indicating (1) the name, (2) mail-address, (3) the type of examination (vorbereitende Leistung/Seminararbeit/Studienarbeit/Erasmus), (4) the level of legal and language skills, (5) a short cv and (6) a short letter of motivation,
- participation in one of the introductory meetings.

Timeline

Introductory meetings

Thursday, 30 January 2025, 7:00 pm (hybrid*)

Monday, 5 May 2025, 7:00 pm (hybrid*)

Distribution of topics

Monday, 17 February 2025, 9 am at office**

Wednesday, 7 May 2025, 9 am at office**

* Seminarraum of the Institut für Völkerrecht und Europarecht, Blauer Turm (MZG), 13th floor, room 13.122 (access via 12th floor) and online access will be sent out prior to the introductory meetings on request by mail.

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