

# LA908-20 International Economic Law

**21/22**

**Department**

School of Law

**Level**

Taught Postgraduate Level

**Module leader**

Celine Tan

**Credit value**

20

**Module duration**

9 weeks

**Assessment**

30% coursework, 70% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

This module is designed to offer a critical overview of what can be described as the legal and regulatory foundations of the contemporary global economy. The module will introduce and examine aspects of international economic law within its longer imperial history and its contemporary evolving context of economic, political, social and cultural globalization. It will provide an overview of the legal and other regulatory foundations of the global economy and critically consider the operations of the main global institutions and frameworks governing international economic relations. The course will also consider the role of international economic actors, both state and non-state, in shaping and influencing these regulatory frameworks.

The module will situate international economic law within a broader understanding of its interactions with other international and national, legal and non-legal processes and examine its role in the constitution of the contemporary global economy. Emphasis is placed upon the manner in which international economic law constructs international economic relations, inasmuch as it regulates the behaviour of international economic actors and global economic activity, as well as some of its major contradictions.

This module aims to provide the foundation and context for the substantive topics covered in other options in the programme. It will locate international economic law within the economic and geo-political environment in which it operates, including the pivotal role of the state, and provide the critical framework for further exploration of these areas in other modules.

## **Module aims**

To introduce students to the historical background and contemporary legal, regulatory and policy framework of international economic law

To provide a critical overview of the major institutions, regulatory networks, legal structures and dispute settlement processes of contemporary international economic law

To evaluate the purpose and rationale of international economic law and to locate its operations and substantive rules and processes within the broader social, economic and political contexts in which it operates

To critically analyse the effects of international economic law on the different constituencies, including states, communities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, corporations and individuals

## **Outline syllabus**

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

- International Economic Law as a Field of Study
- Globalization, Imperial Legacies and International Economic Law
- International Organisations and Institutions for Global Economic Governance
- Soft Law and Non-Legal Frameworks
- Shifting Boundaries of International Economic Law
- Governance of International Finance
- The Framework of International Trade and Investment
- Regulation of Multinational Corporations
- International Economic Law and Emergent Crises

## **Learning outcomes**

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Adopt a comparative perspective on international economic law and an understanding of its inter-disciplinarity, ie to situate legal norms and processes within their social, political and economic contexts
- Apply knowledge of the law to practical situations, both theoretically and empirically.
- Identify the key institutions and processes of international economic law
- Engage in critical debate and analysis of the functions of international economic law, its historical legacy and contemporary operations, its future and the its interplay with other aspects of public international law.
- Evaluate the law and the law-making processes as they relate to the subject-matter covered.

## **Indicative reading list**

[View reading list on Talis Aspire](#)

## Subject specific skills

No subject specific skills defined for this module.

## Transferable skills

No transferable skills defined for this module.

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## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	18 sessions of 1 hour (9%)
Seminars	9 sessions of 1 hour (4%)
Private study	173 hours (86%)
Total	200 hours

### Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

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	Weighting	Study time
Written Assignment	30%	
Students will be required to undertake a written assignment of 1,200 words on a set topic. This could include a literature review, policy brief or a short essay based on the research topic.		
Take-home Examination	70%	
3hr open book exam to be completed within 24 hours.		

## Feedback on assessment

Generic feedback via Moodle and individual feedback provided by email/Tabula

[Past exam papers for LA908](#)

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## Availability

### Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 1 of TLAS-M3P7 Postgraduate Taught International Economic Law

This module is Optional for:

- Year 1 of TLAA-M3PJ Postgraduate Taught Advanced Legal Studies
- Year 1 of TLAS-M221 Postgraduate Taught LLM in International Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation

This module is Option list B for:

- Year 1 of TLAA-M223 Postgraduate Taught International Commercial Law

This module is Option list C for:

- TPOS-M9PE Double MA in Politics and International Studies (with NTU Singapore)
  - Year 1 of M91F Globalisation and Development (Double Degree - NTU)
  - Year 1 of M91L International Development (Double Degree - NTU)
  - Year 1 of M91B International Political Economy (Double Degree - NTU)
  - Year 1 of M91C International Politics and East Asia (Double Degree - NTU)
  - Year 1 of M91D International Politics and Europe (Double Degree - NTU)
  - Year 1 of M91G International Security (Double Degree - NTU)
  - Year 1 of M91K Political and Legal Theory (Double Degree - NTU)
  - Year 1 of M91J United States Foreign Policy (Double Degree - NTU)
  - Year 2 of M91L International Development (Double Degree - NTU)
  - Year 2 of M91B International Political Economy (Double Degree - NTU)
  - Year 2 of M91C International Politics and East Asia (Double Degree - NTU)
- TPOS-M9PP Double MA in Politics and International Studies (with Universität Konstanz, Germany)
  - Year 1 of M92L International Development (Double Degree - Konstanz)
  - Year 1 of M92B International Political Economy (Double Degree - Konstanz)
  - Year 1 of M92C International Politics and East Asia (Double Degree - Konstanz)
  - Year 1 of M92D International Politics and Europe (Double Degree - Konstanz)
  - Year 1 of M92E International Relations (Double Degree - Konstanz)
  - Year 1 of M92G International Security (Double Degree - Konstanz)

- Year 1 of M92K Political and Legal Theory (Double Degree - Konstanz)
- Year 1 of M92H Public Policy (Double Degree - Konstanz)
- Year 2 of M92B International Political Economy (Double Degree - Konstanz)
- Year 2 of M92C International Politics and East Asia (Double Degree - Konstanz)
- Year 2 of M92D International Politics and Europe (Double Degree - Konstanz)
- Year 2 of M92E International Relations (Double Degree - Konstanz)
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- Year 2 of M92K Political and Legal Theory (Double Degree - Konstanz)
- Year 2 of M92H Public Policy (Double Degree - Konstanz)
- Year 2 of TPOS-M9PT MA in International Development
- Year 2 of TPOS-M1P8 Postgraduate Taught International Politics and East Asia
- Year 2 of TPOS-M9PS Postgraduate Taught Political and Legal Theory
- Year 2 of TPOS-M9PQ Postgraduate Taught United States Foreign Policy