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CALL FOR PROJECTS

Centre for Trade and Investment
Law (CTIL)



TradeLab

Making Global Economic Regulation Work for Everyone

Who we are

TradeLab is a network of Law Clinics bringing together academics, legal practitioners and students. It aims to build the capacity of policymakers in developing countries and other stakeholders, including civil society organizations (SCOs) and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), allowing them to reap the full development benefits of institutions and rules that govern our global economy

- ✓ Through pro bono law clinics, TradeLab connects students and experienced legal professionals to public officials and other stakeholders.
- ✓ Through 'learning by doing' TradeLab trains and builds capacity among the next generation of trade and investment practitioners and policymakers.
- ✓ By providing information and support on negotiations, compliance, and litigation, TradeLab strives to make WTO, preferential trade, and investment treaties work for everyone and create more inclusive globalization.

What is unique about TradeLab?

- ✓ **Beyond litigation**
Stakeholders need help negotiating or acceding to agreements as well as matters of implementation, compliance or strategic policymaking. Litigation is only the tip of the iceberg.
- ✓ **Beyond law**
Law and legal principles are just one part of the picture – economic research, policy analysis and translation support, to name just a few, are often required as well.
- ✓ **Beyond trade officials**
Building adequate capacity for global economic engagement requires efforts and coordination across ministries, ranging from justice and finance to agriculture and health. TradeLab projects help trigger an inter-agency dialogue.

TradeLab Legal Clinics

The legal clinics and practica are composed of small groups of highly qualified and carefully selected students who work on specific questions of international economic law posed by beneficiaries.

The students work under the close supervision of one or more Professors (Academic Supervisors) and are teamed up with experts (Mentors) who lend their knowledge, time and feedback to the students, pro bono. At the end of the semester, students submit and present the output tailored to the beneficiary's needs.

How to submit your project?

If you or your organization have a project in mind or want to learn more about TradeLab, please visit www.tradelab.org, or contact the TradeLab Coordinator at coordinator@tradelab.org. All requests will be treated confidentially.

How can we help?

- Research and analysis for treaty negotiations
- Compliance assessment of domestic or foreign laws
- Assessment of legal claims or defence strategies
- Writing of party and third party submissions
- Preparation of amicus curiae briefs
- Legal and economic research on cutting-edge trade or investment questions.

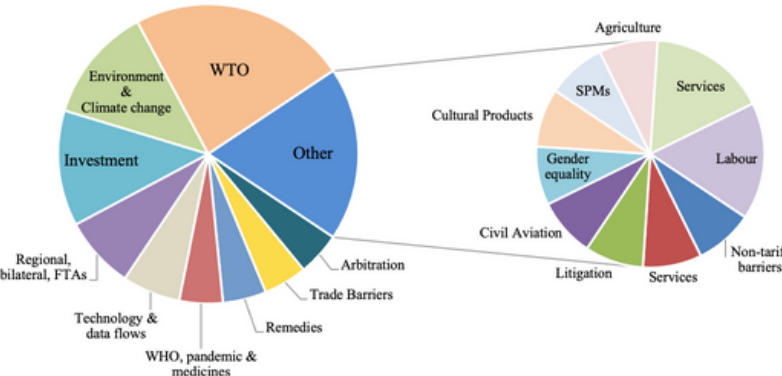
Students and supervisors can work in a variety of languages.

In the 2021-22 Academic year

We helped



Our projects dealt with



TradeLab Network

Members

- Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland
- Georgetown Law, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
- University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada
- Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa, Arusha, Tanzania
- European Public Law Organization, Greece
- Georgetown School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C.
- Centre for International Trade and Investment Law, India
- Queen's University, Kingston, Canada
- National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
- The University of the West Indies, Bridgetown, Barbados
- Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya

Pilot Clinics

- University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
- Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia
- Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Queen Mary University of London, London, UK
- Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
- Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

Type of projects

- **Information:** Build legal capacity by researching, simplifying and making international economic law more accessible.
- **Negotiation:** Offer background research, analysis and support in the negotiations of trade and investment agreements.
- **Compliance:** Provide compliance assessment of legislation, draft model legislation or advocacy positions in the context of trade and investment agreements.
- **Litigation:** Assist in preparing briefs, amicus briefs, defence strategies, third-party submissions, and legal memoranda.

Examples of completed projects:

A Digital Agenda for the Pacific Alliance (Information)

This project proposed concrete action points to facilitate the creation of a digital economy for the benefit of people and businesses in Pacific Alliance countries.

Model Law for the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540: Export Controls and the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the CARICOM Member States (Compliance)

This project drafted a Model Law for Caribbean countries to implement United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 with regard to the prevention of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Assisting Senegal with its Services Negotiations under the African Continental Free Trade Area (Negotiation)

Students thoroughly assessed the main services sectors in Senegal to provide strategic advice in ongoing trade in services negotiations under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Analyzing the Strengths and Weaknesses of Claims of Small Investors against a Caribbean Nation before the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) (Litigation)

This project assessed the potential and likelihood of success of a case to be filed before the relatively new Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ).

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Disclaimer

TradeLab output is prepared on a pro bono basis by students as a pedagogical exercise. It is not professional legal advice and in no way establishes a client-attorney relationship.