

Researching and assessing digital trade policies

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Language	English
ECTS-Points	2
Nos. of participants	max. 30
Content	The rise of digital trade, which covers trade in digital goods, trade in services, investment in sectors relevant for the digital economy, movement of professionals in relevant digital sectors and movement of data, is a new reality that policymakers are adjusting to. Designing new policies to regulate digital trade might be necessary to respond to concerns on law enforcement, national security, privacy, consumer protection, and freedom of speech. At the same time, the uncertainty regarding the impact of new policies led to increasing worries that certain forms of regulation are essentially disguised restrictions on trade, designed to protect local producers from foreign competitors, deviating from international trade commitments. The course will shed light on these issues and present the main challenges relating to the research and assessment of the most recent regulations that apply to digital technologies, both at the national level and in the context of international trade.
Prerequisites/ Materials (opt.)	Previous knowledge in trade law is a plus, but it is not necessary.
Reading list (opt.)	A limited list of required readings will be sent ahead of class.
Teaching method (opt.)	The class will be divided into 8 modules of 90 minutes, each of which will have both theory and practice. The classes will be interactive.