

WTO 法律問題專題

Seminar on Legal Issues of WTO

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The course is intended to give participants with broad and comprehensive understanding of WTO laws. It starts with the introduction of international trade in goods and services and the reason that intellectual property rights become part of international trade problem as well as other included and excluded trade matters, such as government procurement and international investment. It will explain the most-favoured-nation treatment in the GATT 1994, in the GATS and in the TRIPS Agreement and the exceptions provided in respective agreements. Explanations will also include exceptions and the differences of these exceptions in respective agreements. Focuses will be partly on regional trade agreements under the GATT 1994 and the GATS. Some classes will be allocated for trade in specific products, such as agricultural products, foods, pharmaceutical products, textiles, etc. It will then discuss trade distorting measures, such as subsidies and trade remedies. In last couple of weeks, dispute settlement mechanism of the WTO will be explained and discussed.