

Rule of Law and Free Trade – Preferential Trade Agreements between the EU and States in Central Asia and the Caucasus Region

Joint Student Seminar

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By participating in the seminar, Azerbaijani and German law students from the Baku State University and the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (6 from each Law School) shall gain new insights into the opportunities and risks of preferential trade agreements for states in the Eastern neighbourhood of the European Union.

The analysis of the economic interconnections between the EU and the states of Central Asia and the Caucasus Region, in particular with Azerbaijan, shall help to identify their potential for solving and preventing regional tensions and for the support of the rule of law, democracy and security, but also possible conflict points of a closer integration of the region with the EU.

The presentations and discussions of the papers will be accompanied by a varied supporting programme, including meetings with public officials.

Seminar language is English.

Seminar is supported by the Baku State University and the DAAD. The participants will have no costs for transport, accommodation and meals.

Preliminary meeting takes place on **20 February** at 12:15 PM in the Baku State University, Building 1, Chair for Civil procedure and Commercial law.

Students of the Law Faculty of the Baku State University shall send their applications till **25 February** to azar.aliyev@jura.uni-halle.de. The application shall include:

- a short (no longer than 0,5 page) motivation letter;
- any previously written essay or article on a legal topic;
- CV, performance record and English certificate (could be any document confirming language skills).

Topic suggestions:

- Realization of the value-based orientation of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)
- The historical development of human rights and good governance rules in preferential trade agreements of the EU
- Promotion of the rule of law, democracy and security in the new generation of ENP association agreements as well as in the EPCA between the EU and Kazakhstan
- Azerbaijan and the WTO: current developments and challenges
- Democratization via WTO membership: legal and administrative reforms through accession agreements and lock-in effects on national legal regimes
- The administrative dimension of the TBT Agreement
- The administrative dimension of the SBS Agreement
- Promotion of the rule of law via sustainability provisions in EU trade agreements
- Trade in goods in the DCFTAs and in the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Kazakhstan: potential conflicts with the Eurasian Economic Union
- DCFTAs Transit of Energy regime: an extension of the unbundling policy of the EU or keeping the regime of the Energy Charter Treaty. Special attention on the DCFTA of Georgia and the Host State Agreements and the Intergovernmental Agreement of Georgia in the Framework of the BTC Project
- Single Energy Market of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Kazakhstan
- Trade in Services regime of the DCFTAs and the CIS Free Trade Agreement: unresolved conflicts?
- Public Procurement provision of the DCFTAs and the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Kazakhstan: space for protectionism and special regimes for the regional partners?
- Status of State owned companies under the EU FTAs: any further risks for the national companies?