

## CALL FOR PROJECTS

### National University of Singapore

**Who We Are** *TradeLab* is an association under Swiss Law based in Geneva, bringing together students, academics and legal practitioners with the aim of empowering countries and smaller stakeholders to reap the full development benefits of global trade and investment rules.

**Aim of TradeLab** To Make Global Economic Regulation Work for Everyone

**How** Through pro bono legal clinics and practica, *TradeLab* connects students and experts to developing countries, SME's, NGOs and other stakeholders to build lasting legal capacity. Through 'learning by doing', *TradeLab* wants to train and promote the next generation of trade and investment lawyers.

#### What are 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.

*TradeLab* clinics and practica are win-win for all involved: beneficiaries get expert work done for free helping them build capacity; students learn by doing, obtain academic credit, expand their network and get an opportunity to work on real-life legal issues; faculty and expert mentors share their knowledge on cutting-edge issues and are able to attract or hire top students with proven skills.

#### How we can help

- Research and analysis for treaty negotiations
- Compliance assessment of domestic or foreign laws or of proposed or existing legislation
- Drafting model legislation
- Assessment of legal claims or defense strategies
- Writing of party and third-party submissions
- Preparation of amicus curiae briefs
- Legal and economic research on cutting-edge trade or investment law questions

#### Why

International rules on cross-border trade and investment are increasingly complex. There is the WTO, World Bank, UNCTAD, but also hundreds of investment treaties and free trade agreements. Each has its own negotiation, implementation and dispute settlement system. Everyone is affected but few have the time and resources to fully engage.

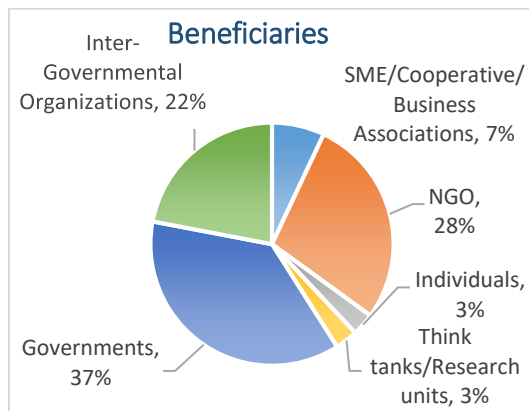
#### TradeLab Network

- Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.
- Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C. & Doha
- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem
- International Economic Law and Policy (IELPO), Barcelona
- Jindal Global Law School, Haryana
- Monash University, Melbourne
- National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Qatar University, Doha
- Queen's University, Kingston
- The Graduate Institute, Geneva
- Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (TRAPCA), Arusha
- University of Ottawa, Ottawa

#### How to submit a project

If you or your organization have a project in mind or want to learn more about *TradeLab*, please visit [www.tradelab.org](http://www.tradelab.org) or send us an email at [info@tradelab.org](mailto:info@tradelab.org). All requests will be treated confidentially.

## Who do we help



## Type of projects

*TradeLab* can assist with different types of international economic law projects:

- 1 Information** Build legal capacity through researching, simplifying and making international economic law more accessible
- 2 Negotiation** Offer background research and support in the negotiation of trade and investment agreements
- 3 Compliance** Provide compliance assessment of proposed or existing legislation, drafting of model legislation or advocacy positions in the context of existing agreements on trade and investment
- 4 Litigation** Assist in preparing litigation briefs (including amicus briefs), third party submissions, and legal memoranda at the WTO, in investor-state arbitration and other fora

## How to get in touch confidentially

- Email the *TradeLab* Coordinator at [mathew@tradelab.org](mailto:mathew@tradelab.org)
- Contact us at [info@tradelab.org](mailto:info@tradelab.org)
- Through the website at [www.tradelab.org](http://www.tradelab.org)

Please contact us if you have a project in mind or simply wish to learn more about associating with *TradeLab*.

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## Academic Supervisors

- N. Jansen Calamita, Head, Investment Law & Policy, Centre for International Law; Research Associate Professor (CIL), Faculty of Law
- Ayelet Berman, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for International Law; Adjunct Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law

## Timetable

June - December	Project submission, initial discussion with beneficiaries to identify legal questions; selection of projects
January - February	Selection of students and teams; meeting between students and beneficiaries; skills workshops
March - April	Research, mentor sessions, draft report, mid-term presentations, feedback from supervisors and mentors
May	Delivery of final written report, oral presentation

## Examples of completed projects

Established in 2008 at The Graduate Institute, Geneva, *TradeLab* legal clinics have completed over 160 unique projects on international economic law matters and trained more than 480 students.

### Trade and Gender and International Practices

Identification and sharing of best practices for gender inclusive trade policies.

### Trade Secretariat Support for Ad Hoc Panels under FTAs: Options and Challenges

Examining legal, logistical and administrative challenges faced by ad hoc panels under FTAs.

### The U.S. Response to Brexit

Explores the US' third-party rights and obligations under the WTO in the context of Brexit

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