

2ND WTI - CWS JOINT ACADEMY ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW AND POLICY

May 25 - June 19, 2015

Call for Applications

The **World Trade Institute** of the University of Bern, Switzerland and the **Centre for WTO Studies**, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, India are pleased to announce the launch of the **2nd WTI – CWS Joint Academy on International Trade Law and Policy** ("Joint Academy"), from May 25 – June 19, 2015 at New Delhi. The Joint Academy aims to provide law students and legal professionals in India a rare opportunity to deepen their knowledge on aspects of International Trade Law and Policy. Taught by distinguished academics and practitioners from India and abroad, the Joint Academy will equip participants with theoretical and practical insights into various issues relating to international trade law.

ABOUT THE JOINT ACADEMY

Dates: May 25 – June 19, 2015 (Four Weeks)

Location: Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, B-21, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi – 110016

Modules: Week 1 - The Legal Foundations of Contemporary Trade and Investment Law
Week 2 - The Law of Goods Trade: Tariffs; Agriculture; SPS and TBT
Week 3 - Trade in Services and Intellectual Property Rights
Week 4 - The Law and Policy of Trade Remedies; and Current WTO Issues

WHO CAN APPLY

All law students enrolled in any legal course in India, either at the undergraduate or postgraduate level. Preference will be given to students who have prior exposure to issues relating to International Trade Law.

The Joint Academy is also open to Indian legal professionals. In addition, legal professionals can attend specific modules, in a flexible, "à la carte" manner. This option is not available for students.

The maximum number of participants that will be selected for the Joint Academy is 30

(thirty). *Past participants are kindly requested not to apply.*

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates are required to fill up the Application Form for the Joint Academy, and send the same, along with their updated CV to jointacademy@iift.ac.in

The application form in MS Word can be downloaded from here: <http://wtocentre.iift.ac.in>

Paper applications will not be accepted.

FEES STRUCTURE

For Law Students: **INR 10,000/-** (For the whole duration of the Joint Academy)

For Legal Professionals: **INR 25,000/-** (For the whole duration of the Joint Academy)
INR 7,000/- per weekly module (For applicants applying for specific modules)

Please note that the above fees do not cover other costs such as meals, housing or local transportation of the participants. Lunch and tea on days of classes will be provided at the venue by the CWS.

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER BENEFITS

With the objective of attracting the best of participants, the CWS provides the following financial incentives (only for law students):

- Refund of course fees for law students who meet the minimum attendance criteria and who pass all the components of the Final Evaluation
- Cash prize for those law students who obtain attendance of 90% and score of 85% in the Final Evaluation.
- Opportunity of internship with reputed law firms in the field of international trade.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for submission of applications	Wednesday, March 15, 2015
Communication of selection	Wednesday, April 01, 2015
Last date for paying fees	Friday, April 10, 2015
Last date for withdrawal (April)	Thursday, April 30, 2015
Last date for withdrawal (May)	Monday, May 11, 2015
Commencement of Course	Monday, May 25, 2015
Conclusion of Course	Friday, June 19, 2015

CANCELLATION POLICY

The following deadlines and penalties apply for applicants who make payments after acceptance to the programme, but subsequently withdraw:

- Cancellations on or before April 30, 2015: Refund after deduction of 30%
- Cancellations on or before May 11, 2015: Refund after deduction of 50%
- No cancellations are entertained after May 11, 2015 : No refund

ATTENDANCE AND FINAL EVALUATION

- Classes will be held 5 days a week; from 09:30 a.m to 05:30 p.m. Participants are required to attend all classes. The minimum attendance requirement is 80% per module.
- After the conclusion of the course, participants will be required to take an examination and will be graded based on assessment by the resource persons.

ABOUT THE WORLD TRADE INSTITUTE, BERN

The World Trade Institute (WTI) is a centre of excellence of the University of Bern and the Faculty of Law. It is one of the world's leading academic institutions dedicated to the regulation of international trade. The WTI transcends boundaries. It fuses law, economics and international relations in interdisciplinary research, training, advisory work and technical assistance in Switzerland and abroad. The WTI was the first, and is the most experienced institution in the world offering a specialised postgraduate degree in the law and economics of international trade regulation, through its flagship Master of International Law and Economics (MILE) programme. The WTI also runs a five-week Summer Academy in Bern on issues relating to investment and trade regulation. Additionally, it also jointly organises an annual Summer Programme on International Intellectual Property, with the Law Faculty of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, at Hong Kong.

ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR WTO STUDIES, IIFT, NEW DELHI

The Centre for WTO Studies (Centre) was setup in 1999 by the Department of Commerce, Government of India, to serve as a permanent repository of WTO negotiations-related knowledge and documentation. The Centre has since evolved as an independent think-tank and knowledge centre with focus on trade in general, and the WTO in particular. The Centre has been a part of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade since November 2002.

The activities undertaken by the Centre seek to achieve three broad objectives:

- ❖ To assist India's trade negotiators and policy makers in participating effectively in the WTO and at the related multilateral trade negotiations;
- ❖ To enhance the understanding of key trade issues among

- stakeholders through outreach and dissemination activities; and
- ❖ To develop capacities within India and in other developing countries for analysing WTO and other trade-related issues through training programmes.

CONTACT US

- For updates about the Joint Academy, kindly visit the Centre's website at <http://wtocentre.iift.ac.in>
- In case of any queries, feel free to email us at [jointacademy\[at\]iift.ac.in](mailto:jointacademy[at]iift.ac.in).

PAST PARTICIPANTS' CORNER

The Joint Academy, was in short a brilliant experience. We had the opportunity to learn from some of the most qualified professors on the subject, who introduced us to very practical methods of learning. We were also exposed to some interesting and stimulating discussions on more contemporary issues, which helped us gain a more holistic insight into the law.

- Antara S. Priya, B.A., LL.B (Hons.), NUJS Kolkatta

The Joint Academy gave me a very enriching academic experience. It's execution exceeded all expectations. Luminaries of the field took us through the journey of the WTO and its legal framework day by day. Both the class room exercises and the take home tests were very challenging and thought provoking. They helped students make the most of the course.

- Tanaya Sethi, B.A., LL.B(Hons.), HNLU Raipur

The benefits I derived from the Academy are umpteen - learning with the best professors in the discipline, getting to know people working in the field of trade law and gaining knowledge about the kind of opportunities out there being a few. The course is strongly recommended for anyone interested in Trade Law or International Economic Law.

- Vatsal Vasudev, B.PSc.,LL.B(Hons.), NLU Jodhpur

One word that can do justice to the Joint Academy experience is 'phenomenal'. The content taught in the Academy was very expansive and covered various different aspects of international trade law. It was an honour to be taught by such luminaries in the field. The scheduling of the Academy was very efficiently managed.

- Vikas Narain, B.A.,LL.B(Hons.), NUJS Kolkatta