

## International trade law

This project area provides an opportunity for a PhD student to explore international trade law and regulation. It is an expanding and changing field. The establishment of the WTO and subsequent proliferation of bilateral and regional trade agreements has contributed to the legalization of trade relations between Nation States and provided international trade law with an impressive reach into domestic regulatory governance, not limited to trade and economy. Possible PhD projects included in this area could explore:

- The role of non-state actors - such as international organisations, judicial and expert bodies, civil society groups and market actors - in making, shaping, implementing and enforcing international trade law.
- The negotiation, design and effectiveness of trade agreements, especially in the Asia-Pacific region, and their inclusion of environmental, social and human rights provisions.
- The hierarchy, specialization and fragmentation of international trade courts and tribunals and the criteria against which we measure their effectiveness and legitimacy.

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As a graduate research student in BLT, you will be part of a supportive and dynamic research environment. As part of your candidature you will complete a coursework unit: Research Strategies and methods in business law. This subject will provide you with the theoretical background and practical skills you need to conduct your research. The Department runs international symposia as well as hosts a range of public and internal seminars. You will be given opportunities to network with and present your work to supportive staff. Participation in the intellectual and academic life of the department will be an important aspect of your candidature. The department also offers high quality office and computing facilities and a generous travel, conference and fieldwork allowance.

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