



International Law of Foreign Investment (OIEO.06.096, 3 ECTS)

In September 2023, the students of Tartu University will have the opportunity to participate in the course on International Law of Foreign Investment, which is taught by two experienced practitioners from one of the leading international law firms in the field of foreign investment protection – Dr. Eveli Lume and Ms. Mailis Meier-Lutterodt from Squire Patton Boggs.

The course is designed to provide students with a general understanding of the law of foreign investment protection—a branch of international law based on bilateral and multilateral agreements between states for the encouragement and protection of foreign investment. When a company ventures overseas for investment purposes, what are the potential risks it faces, what are the international legal regulations in place to safeguard foreign investments and how are disputes between the host state and foreign investors resolved? Given the political and economic dimension of international investment law, we will also explore in the course whether and how international law restricts the rapid adoption of green energy and the abandonment of fossil fuel energy production, and the potential solutions; discuss how Ukraine and also foreign investors utilize international investment protection law against Russia to seek compensation for damages in relation to the war in Ukraine; contemplate whether the rights of foreign investors are better protected in Estonia compared to the rights of domestic investors, and how to ensure the best protection of Estonian investors' rights abroad. The course is held in English and is thus well-suited for both Estonian and international students. The course is held in block seminars.



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