Three-day seminar in WTO law

Thailand, Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May 2019

**Tuesday 14 May**

Introduction to the WTO organization (history, mission, governance)

Overview of the main WTO Agreements:

* GATT 1994
* Agreement on Agriculture
* Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
* Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
* Agreement on Rules of Origin
* Trade Remedies Agreements (Subsidies, Safeguards and Anti-Dumping)
* Agreement on Trade in Services
* Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)
* Trade Facilitation Agreement
* Agreement on Government Procurement

Introduction to the WTO dispute settlement system

**Wednesday 15 May**

Introduction to and preliminary work on the Simulation Exercise

The basic WTO obligations

* Tariffs
* Quantitative restrictions
* Non-discrimination obligations (MFN and national treatment)

Main exceptions to WTO obligations

* General exceptions
* Security exception
* Countervailing measures, anti-dumping measures and safeguard measures
* Preferential trade agreements

Work on the Simulation Exercise (small group work)

**Thursday 16 May**

Class discussion of the Simulation Exercise

Debriefing on further aspects of the Simulation Exercise

* Appeal
* Implementing the DSB recommendations and rulings
* Retaliation

Review of the main elements of the seminar

How to research a trade issue affecting Thailand (Trade Policy Review Reports, Committee minutes, WTO databases etc.)

Discussion of current WTO/trade issues

Questions/discussion and conclusion