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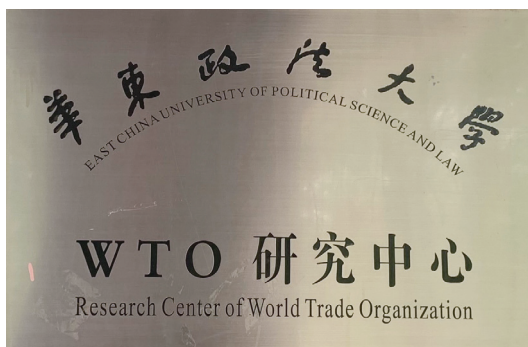


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1. Introduction

The ECUPL Research Center of World Trade Organization (WTO) [华东政法大学WTO研究中心] was established in 2013 as a major research institution directly under the East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL). Its primary purpose is to carry out professional research on the WTO law.



For this goal, the Center shares the resources and information with the United Nations Documentary Collection Library and the School of International Law and the International Law Research Center of ECUPL. Its fellows receive a constant stream of the latest international law materials from the United Nations on a quarterly basis. Based on a comprehensive and accurate understandings of the basic principles and rules of the WTO, the Center conducts academic research and activities in this field, delivering solutions to global challenges and recommending policies for the Chinese government and enterprises.

2. People



Dr. LIN Yanping, Director of the Center, is a professor on Private International Law, International Competition Law and the EU Law. She now acts as a Member of Scientific Committee of ECUPL as well as the Vice President of China Society of Private International Law and the EU Law Institute of Chinese Association for European Studies. She is also

conducting as the Director of International Law Research Center, the EU Law Center and the Center for Proof of Foreign Law of ECUPL. Professor LIN was the former Vice President of the university.



Dr. HE Xiaoyong, Deputy Director of the Center, is a professor of International Economic Law and Financial Law. He is now acting as the Dean of International School of Law and Finance of ECUPL. Professor HE is a Standing Council Member of the Chinese Society of International Economic Law and the WTO Law Research Society of China Law Society. He is the Vice President of WTO Law, Free Trade Zone Law and Custom Law Institutes of Shanghai Law Society. He has been appointed as the Legal Counsel for several governmental agencies and arbitrators for some well-known arbitration institutions. His professional proposals in relevant fields have been widely taken by the government.



Professor ZHU Lanye graduated from Fudan University in 1982 with an LL.B. degree. She has been a faculty member of ECUPL since then. She was a visiting scholar at Columbia Law School and Harvard Law School from 1985 to 1986 and 1990 to 1991, respectively. She has been a member of several arbitration institutions and involved in resolving more than 260 international trade dispute cases. In February 2004, Professor ZHU was recommended by the Chinese government and approved by the WTO to be a panelist for the WTO Dispute Settlement Body. As a visiting professor, she taught at law schools in the United States, Belgium, The Netherland, Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong SAR of China. She is the author or co-author of more than 10 books in the fields of the WTO dispute settlement, intellectual property and international economic law.



Dr. PENG Xu is an Associate Professor of International Economic Law at ECUPL. She is the Head of the International Economic Law Teaching and Research Section of the School of International Law. Dr. PENG holds an LL.M. degree

(International Economic Law) from Jilin University and (Law of Development) from Warwick University (UK), respectively. She was awarded Ph.D. degrees in International Law from ECUPL and l'Université Aix-Marseille (France). As a visiting professor, she taught in the US, Singapore and Hungary. Professor PENG is a Council Member of the Chinese Society of International Economic Law. She publishes a treatise on *THE JUDICIAL LAWMAKING IN THE WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT*. She is a mediator of the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center.



Dr. MA Le is an Associate Professor on International Economic Law and Intellectual Property Law. He is now also acting as the Deputy Director of International Exchange Center of ECUPL. He has been teaching the course, “WTO Legal System” in English for the past decade to both local and foreign students at ECUPL and foreign universities as visiting professor. Professor MA has been widely involved in international colloquiums like the Brazilian IP Association’s (ABPI) International Congress, Asian Law Institute (ASLI) Conference and IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference as presenter on IP, and the WTO issues concerning China. He was nominated as member of Scientific Committee of the Third IPIRA.

3. Events

The Center organizes lectures, seminars, conferences and workshops every year. Since its establishment, particularly, the Center has timely conducted academic activities on cutting-edge issues of the WTO including *inter alia*, Workshop on WTO’s 10th Anniversary (2005), Seminar on the case of China-Auto Parts (2008), Workshop on WTO and Free Trade Zone (2014), Workshop on Rules of Trade of Services in Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (2017), and Summit Forum on Global Change and New Development of Free Trade Zone (2019).



Summit Forum on Global Change and New Development of Free Trade Zone (2019)

4. Education

Legal education is another core activity of the Center which is delivered through various forums such as the course of “WTO Legal System,” the WTO Moot Court Competition and other research programs. Notably, the WTO Legal System conducted by Associate Professor MA Le and PENG Xu in English has been certified as the Model Course by Shanghai Municipal Education Commission (MEC) to both local and oversea students. The Model Course is a specified program organized by Shanghai MEC with fluent English speaking lecturers, sound references, good reputation from the students, etc. This course aims to comprehensively introduce the WTO legal system, especially interpreting the core rules therein. Its main subject is to analyze the WTO disputes concerning China. Through lectures, seminars and moot activities, students learn how to examine and apply legal rules. The online WTO Legal System is available at: <http://mooc1.chaoxing.com/course/210197574.html>. Registration is required.



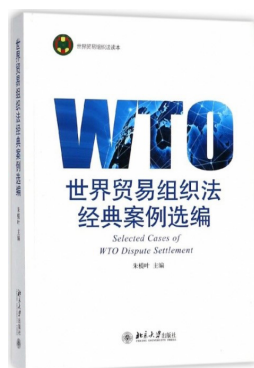
Prof. MA Le is delivering a lecture at the *WTO Legal System* class.



Students are doing the case study at the *WTO Legal System* class.

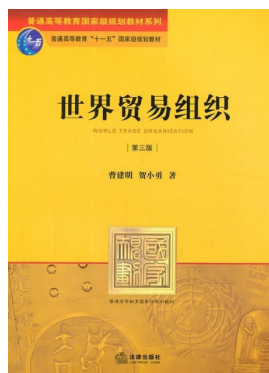
5. Publications

SELECTED CASES OF WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT [世界贸易组织法经典案例选编]



This monograph is edited by Professor ZHU Lanye of ECUPL, who has followed the WTO cases for 17 years. Based on the WTO Agreement and the relative number of cases involved in the dispute settlement mechanism, it selected more than 30 reports and arranged them in accordance with the provisions of the WTO Agreement. The book is one of the best class materials for the WTO law studies. It is also a useful reference for scholars, government officers, and practitioners studying the WTO legal system.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION [世界贸易组织]



This book is edited by Mr. CAO Jianming, the former Vice President of Supreme People’s Court PRC and Professor HE Xiaoyong of ECUPL. It is highly reputed with an in-depth analysis of theories, provisions and practice concerning the WTO. First published in 1999, this book has been revised twice to incorporate changes and developments of the WTO as well as Chinese legal system. This book is recommended as the basic textbook for the course, the WTO Law, by hundreds of law schools in China.

6. Vision

The Center aims at doing in-depth research on the WTO related issues, *inter alia*, international rule of law pursued by the WTO to make contributions to interactions with China’s rule of law and cultivate young professionals with the belief in rule of law and capability to deal with global challenges. When looking at the WTO

issues, the research fellows will specifically maintain the perspective both globally and domestically to take advantage of China's active participation in the WTO and provide Chinese wisdom.

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