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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW PROGRAM

LAW 540 – Introduction to International Business Law*

*This course is currently undergoing the course approval process and the instructors may change.

Professor Nicolas Lamp has been an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law at Queen’s University since 2014. In 2016, he became the Academic Director of the International Law Programs. Prior to joining Queen's, Professor Lamp worked as a Dispute Settlement Lawyer at the Appellate Body Secretariat of the World Trade Organization, where he advised the Members of the Appellate Body on legal issues arising in appellate proceedings under the WTO’s dispute settlement mechanism. His teaching subjects include Contracts, International Economic Law and Public International Law.

Professor Lamp received his PhD in Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2013. His doctoral thesis on “Lawmaking in the Multilateral Trading System” investigates the origins and implications of the discourses, practices and techniques that shape international lawmaking in the trade context. His 2011 article “Conceptions of War and Paradigms of Compliance: The ‘New War’ Challenge to International Humanitarian Law” was awarded the American Society of International Law’s 2012 Francis Lieber Prize for outstanding scholarship in the field of the law of armed conflict. He was also the case author for the 2014-2015 edition of the ELSA Moot Court Competition on WTO Law, the largest and most prestigious moot court competition in the field of international trade law. In 2016, Assistant Professor Lamp was awarded the Stanley M. Corbett Award for Teaching Excellence by the Law Students’ Society.

Ms. Alison Mitchell is a lawyer and diplomat at Global Affairs Canada. She is specialized in the law of armed conflict, international human rights law, international criminal law, targeted sanctions, and the law of the sea. She currently works in the Oceans and Environmental Law Division in Ottawa. Since joining the department in 2006, Ms. Mitchell has had assignments to Canada’s embassy in Washington, D.C., to NATO in Brussels, to UN Headquarters in New York, and to the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Kandahar, Afghanistan. In 2012-2013, she spent a year on exchange with the Canadian Armed Forces in the Office of the Judge Advocate General. She previously served as an assistant legal officer in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court in The Hague in 2005-2006 and clerked for Mr. Justice Marshall Rothstein at the Supreme Court of Canada in 2007.

Ms. Mitchell received a B.A. from Queen’s University in 2001, an LL.B. from the University of Ottawa in 2005, and an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from New York University in 2012.

LAW 454 – International Economic Law

Mr. Nick Gallus is Senior Associate with the Paris office of the international arbitration boutique firm, Three Crowns, and was previously Counsel at the Trade Law Bureau of the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He has acted as counsel in numerous investment treaty arbitrations, including several under Chapter 11 of the NAFTA, has advised on the negotiation of such treaties and has published widely in the area.

Mr. Gallus has degrees in law and economics from Flinders University in Australia and masters in both law and economics from Oxford University, where he studied under a Rhodes Scholarship. Mr. Gallus has taught the International Economic Law course at Queen’s Law for several years.
Professor Nicolas Lamp (see above)

Ms. Valerie Hughes is a graduate of the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa. Valerie served as Director of the Appellate Body Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) from August 2001 through December 2005 and as Director of the Legal Affairs Division of the WTO from August 2010 until September 2016. Valerie spent 22 years with the Government of Canada, during which time she held various positions, including Assistant Deputy Minister at the Department of Finance, General Counsel of the Trade Law Division at Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and Senior Counsel in the International Law Division of the Department of Justice. Ms. Hughes has served as counsel before international courts and tribunals on trade law and law of the sea matters and has served as a panelist in a WTO dispute. She has published widely on the subject of international dispute settlement and was recently awarded the John E. Read Medal by the Canadian Council on International Law.

LAW 666 –International Commercial Law

Professor Joshua Karton joined Queen’s Law in July 2009 and is now an Associate Professor. Professor Karton’s research interests are in international dispute resolution (in particular international arbitration), international and comparative contract law, conflict of laws, and sociology of law (especially law and globalization). In addition to international arbitration, Professor Karton has taught contracts, comparative law, commercial law, conflict of laws, and legal research methods.

He received a BA in International Relations and Humanities from Yale in 2001, a JD from Columbia Law School in 2005, and a PhD in International Law from Cambridge in 2011. A member of the New York Bar, he practiced in the New York and Hong Kong offices of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP before commencing his doctoral studies. Professor Karton has also taught at Cambridge University, Hong Kong University, the National Taiwan University, and Wuhan University (China).

Mr. Matthew Secomb is a partner in White & Case’s International Arbitration Group in Singapore. Mr. Secomb specializes in international commercial arbitration with a focus on construction and energy-related disputes. He has been involved in arbitrations under most of the major institutional rules as well as in ad hoc arbitrations. Mr. Secomb also provides commercial advice, particularly with regard to oil and gas related issues. Before moving to Singapore in 2015, he was based in White & Case’s Paris office for nearly ten years. He has a B.Com. and an LL.M. from the University of Melbourne, and an LL.B. from Deakin University.

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