

CALL FOR PROJECTS

Who we are

TradeLab is based in Geneva and is an Association under Swiss Law. *TradeLab* brings together students, academics, and legal practitioners with the aim of empowering countries and smaller stakeholders to reap the full development benefits of institutions and rules that govern our global economy. Through pro bono legal clinics and practica, *TradeLab* connects students and experienced legal professionals to public officials, especially in developing countries, small and medium-sized enterprises and civil society to build lasting legal capacity. Through ‘learning by doing’, we want to train and promote the next generation of trade and investment lawyers. By providing information and support on negotiations, compliance, and litigation, *TradeLab* strives to make global economic regulation work for everyone.

How we can help

- Research and analysis for treaty negotiations
- Compliance assessment of domestic or foreign laws or of proposed or existing legislation
- Drafting model legislation
- Assessment of legal claims or defense strategies
- Writing of party and third-party submissions
- Preparation of amicus curiae briefs
- Legal and economic research on cutting-edge trade or investment law questions



Georgetown Law students with Prof. Hillman after the 2018 Practicum

What are Legal Clinics

The legal clinics and practica are composed of small groups of highly qualified and carefully selected students who work on specific questions of international economic law posed by beneficiaries. The students work under the close supervision of one or more Professors (Academic Supervisors) and are teamed up with experts (Mentors) who lend their knowledge, time and feedback to the students, *pro bono*. At the end of the semester, students submit and present the output tailored to the beneficiary’s needs.

TradeLab clinics and practica are win-win for all involved: beneficiaries get expert work done for free helping them build capacity; students learn by doing, obtain academic credit, expand their network and get an opportunity to work on real-life legal issues; faculty and expert mentors share their knowledge on cutting-edge issues and are able to attract or hire top students with proven skills.

TradeLab Network

- Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.
- Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C.
- The Graduate Institute, Geneva
- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
- International Economic Law and Policy (IELPO), Barcelona
- Jindal Global Law School, Haryana
- Monash University, Melbourne
- National University of Singapore
- University of Ottawa
- Queen’s University, Kingston
- Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (TRAPCA), Arusha
- The University of the West Indies, Barbados

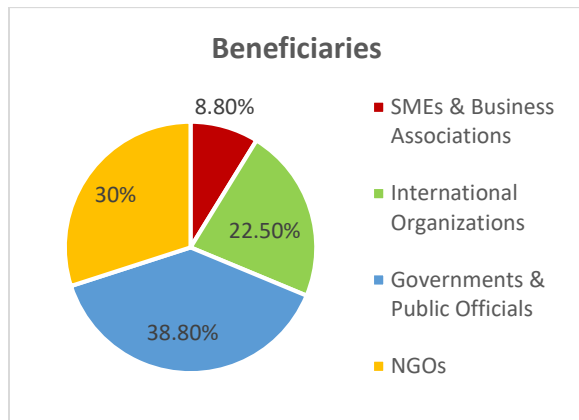
How to submit a project

If you or your organization have a project in mind or want to learn more about *TradeLab*, please visit www.tradelab.org, email info@tradelab.org, or

contact the TradeLab Coordinator at coordinator@tradelab.org.

All requests will be treated confidentially.

Who do we help



Type of projects

TradeLab can assist with different types of international economic law projects

Information - Build legal capacity by researching, simplifying and making international economic law more accessible.

Negotiation - Offer background research, analysis and support in the negotiations of trade and investment agreements.

Compliance - Provide compliance assessment of legislation, draft model legislation or advocacy positions in the context of trade and investment agreements.

Litigation - Assist in preparing briefs, amicus briefs, defense strategies, third-party submissions, and legal memoranda.

Examples of completed projects

Established in 2008 at The Graduate Institute, Geneva, *TradeLab* legal clinics have completed over 100 unique projects on international economic law matters for a range of beneficiaries.

Trade and Gender and International Practices
Identification and sharing of best practices for gender inclusive trade policies.

Trade Secretariat Support for Ad Hoc Panels under FTAs: Options and Challenges
Examining legal, logistical and administrative challenges faced by ad hoc panels under FTAs.

The U.S. Response to Brexit

Explores the US' third-party rights and obligations under the WTO in the context of Brexit

Fisheries Subsidies: Buenos Aires and Beyond
Summarizing developments and charting way forward for progress at the WTO.



A session of the joint uOttawa-Queen's TradeLab Clinic

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