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EBS Law Term 2016
Transnational Commercial Law
Welcome to EBS Law School!

“Let me warmly welcome you to EBS Universität für Wirtschaft und Recht, comprising EBS Business School and EBS Law School. Our mission is to educate tomorrow’s top international legal professionals and global managers by delivering outstanding research and excellent teaching combined with high practical relevance. Our University is proud to be able to open its doors to students from our partner institutions around the world. Your stay at EBS will enrich our internationality through the exchange of ideas from the different perspectives and diverse backgrounds you bring with you. I encourage you to make the best of your time in Wiesbaden and the Rhine-Main area, in terms of both your personal and academic goals. We will assist you in any way we can.”

Prof. Dr. Matthias Weller, Mag.rer.publ.
Academic Director EBS Law Term 2016

We are proud to present EBS Law Term! A pioneering and innovative spirit has traditionally been the driving force and key factor behind EBS success – a custom that EBS Law School has pledged to uphold. As the youngest law faculty in Germany, we take a modern and innovative approach, setting new standards in legal education. I look forward to welcoming you to EBS Law School very soon.”

Markus Ogorek

Prof. Dr. iur. Markus Ogorek, LL.M. (Berkeley)
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General Concept

EBS Law Term offers an intensive academic programme from September to December each year. The programme consists of thirteen weeks of lectures, workshops, study trips and social activities. The entire programme will be taught in English. Students will be able to earn European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits. In order to provide for personal teaching in small classes, the maximum number of students is limited to around 60 participants.

Focus in 2016

After the highly successful programmes on Transnational Commercial Law in the years of 2013 to 2015, EBS Law Term 2016 will continue to focus on this most fascinating and challenging area of international business law.

Transnational Commercial Law (TCL) deals with the growing body of internationally unified or harmonized law in areas of particularly high relevance to international commerce, such as the United Nations Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG), the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards or the most recently enacted UNIDROIT Convention of Cape Town on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and its Protocols on Railway Rolling Stock or Space Assets such as satellites but also the framework of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) as well as the dispute resolution mechanisms for investor-state relations as organised by the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

In particular, the European Union has enacted a large body of unified law for building the European internal market. Thus, certain areas of European commercial law will be studied such as e.g. securities law, foreign trade law, banking and financial regulatory law, antitrust law, intellectual property law or international civil litigation, always with a view to the question whether the regional instruments of harmonized EU law may serve as an example for other regional integration communities in the world or even as global instruments of truly transnational commercial law.

The overall aim of the programme is to provide students with an overview of the most important concepts, methods and general problems of transnational commercial law as well as an introduction to a selection of important instruments of transnational commercial law.

Duration

Thirteen weeks from 21 September 2016 to 21 December 2016.
(Induction Day: 21 September 2016)

Location

EBS Law School in Wiesbaden, Germany, capital of Federal State of Hesse near Frankfurt – Germany’s cosmopolitan business city.
Curriculum/Teaching Staff

Courses are taught by top-level law professors and legal practitioners, all working with a particular focus on transnational commercial law. The programme is comprised of a mixture of compulsory courses and electives that form part of four modules. Some of the courses will be scheduled weekly, while others will be intensive one or two-day courses taught by external professors. EBS Law School’s attendance policy applies meaning student attendance is compulsory, in particular for the intensive one or two-day elective courses.

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Details of the syllabus may be subject to change.
Credits

Students will be able to earn European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits. In order to receive the EBS Law School Certificate for successful participation in EBS Law Term 2016 on Transnational Commercial Law, students must successfully participate in Module 1 and a minimum of four electives from Module 2, totalling 21 ECTS credits. Students may choose to earn up to 33 ECTS credits out of the entire EBS Law Term consisting of 48 ECTS credits. 2 ECTS credits equal 1 ABA credit.

Language and Other Requirements

All courses are held in English. Students must have a minimum score of at least 90 on the Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Applicants should have completed at least one-and-a-half-years on a full-time undergraduate law programme or at least one year at a graduate law school by the time the programme begins.

Certificate

Upon successful completion of the programme, students are awarded an EBS Law Term Certificate of Participation. Please note: Credit transfer lies within the discretion of the EBS partner institution. Students are therefore advised to contact their study abroad adviser.

Visits and Social Activities

EBS Law School will offer two optional study trips, for example to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg or to other significant institutions in Strasbourg, France. Such trips will include a guided tour of the respective court or institution and, where possible, a hearing. Due to the nature of the appointments, departure from Wiesbaden to Luxembourg or Strasbourg will take place quite early in the morning, but be assured: it will be worth it!

Cost: EUR 50 per student per trip.

Minimum number of participants: 20 students per trip.

Further, the programme includes visits and social activities organised by EBS Law School International Students Ressort (ISR). This ressort consists of a group of regular EBS Law School students who are looking forward to welcoming the next group of EBS Law Term students.

Examples of past activities organised by the ISR team include:

- Regular get-togethers with law students from the EBS as part of the EBS Law School Buddy Programme.
- Cultural excursions to top sights in the local area
- Sightseeing and night-life in Wiesbaden, Mainz and Frankfurt
- Welcome and Farewell events

(Actual offer for 2016 is subject to specification by the ISR Team 2016)
## Overview

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Getting to know Germany as a Player in Transnational Commerce

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All courses offered are subject to changes and depend on a minimum number of participants. The maximum number of participants is approximately 60 students. Some ECTS must be selected in a certain combination in order to fulfill requirements.
Module 1:

Foundations and Key Qualifications of Transnational Commercial Law (compulsory, 9 ECTS)

- Introduction to Comparative Law Theory and Practice
  Prof. Dr. Kirk W. Junker (University of Cologne)

Comparative Law Theory and Practice with a view to TCL will introduce students to the theory, methods and practices of legal comparativism. At its foundation, comparitivism helps the comparativist to see that no position is neutral. Having achieved that realization, the comparativist examines his or her own position, as well as the strengths and weaknesses of other positions, relative to one’s own. Legal systems work to serve the culture in which they operate. Thus, comparison is most challenging when one considers applying legal tools that serve another culture to one’s own culture. In commerce, comparison can more easily be employed, such as when one chooses locations to manufacture, sell, license, or distribute goods and services, as well as whether to establish an operation abroad or enter into an international joint venture, development agreement or international loan agreement.

Prof. Dr. Kirk W. Junker (University of Cologne)

Professor Dr. Kirk W. Junker holds the Chair in US American Law at the University of Cologne since 2009 and is also the Chair of the International Master of Environmental Science Programme. Prior to joining the University of Cologne, he was the Director of International Programs and Associate Professor of Law at Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh. Prof. Junker also held the first cross-border academic appointment in Ireland after the Belfast Agreement, being jointly appointed at Dublin City University the Queen’s University of Belfast. Prior to his work in Ireland, he was a member of the Centre for Science Education at The Open University, Milton Keynes, UK. He is an Adjunct Professor of International Environmental Law at Sts. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Macedonia, and an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Law at Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Science and Education in Pune, India, where he regularly lectures. He publishes in the areas of US legal culture (Routledge 2016), comparative law, environmental law, science communication and the rhetoric of science. He is the translator of Reinhold Zippelius’ Juristische Methodenlehre (German Legal Method) into English and is the editor of the Comparative Legal Thinking Series (Carolina Academic Press). For ten years he was a trial lawyer with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. He has served on the editorial boards of the journals Social Epistemology, Cologne Business Law Journal, Journal of Health, Education and Environment On-Line, and for the Institute of Physics. He is an Advisory Board Member to the German-American Lawyers Association, the Environmental Governance Institute in Buea, Cameroon and was on the Advisory Board to the Center for European Union Center at the University of Pittsburgh.
• Introduction to European Union Law  
  **Prof. Dr. Emanuel Towfigh (EBS Law School)**

European Union Law is a compact course designed to give an overview over the institutions and the substantive law of the European Union — the importance of which cannot be overrated in the transnational law context. The course is directed towards third-state students who wish to gain a general understanding of the merits and challenges of an integrative transnational project such as the European Union and who want to get to know the basic threads of a legal system that has been thoroughly intertwined with the legal orders of its member states. At the same time, it turns to students who have an understanding of European Union law and who wish to polish up their knowledge and get an understanding of the overall architecture of European Union law which can best be provided by a highly selective, dense class.

Prof. Dr. Emanuel Towfigh holds the Chair in Public Law, Empirical Legal Research and Law & Economics and the EBS Law School. Before joining the EBS Law School, Emanuel has been a Senior Researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods (2007-2016). He studied Law, Economics and Chinese at the Universities of Münster (Germany) and Nanjing (PR China), subsequently completed his Legal Clerkship, and was admitted to the bar. He earned his Ph.D. with an award-winning dissertation on the legal constitution of religious communities under state and religious legal regimes at the University of Münster in 2005, where he worked as a Research Fellow between 2003 and 2007. His — again award-winning — post-doctoral thesis (Habilitation) deals with the (declining) role of political parties in modern-day democracy. Emanuel has been a Global Research Fellow and Hauser Research Scholar at New York University School of Law, and has held visiting professorships at the University of Virginia School of Law, Göttingen University, University of Münster and Humboldt University Berlin. His present research focuses on (comparative) constitutional law and constitutional theory, applying a behavioral law and economics perspective, and heavily drawing on empirical methods.

• Introduction to Private International Law  
  **Prof. Dr. Matthias Weller, Mag.rer.publ. (EBS Law School)**

Private International Law is another core discipline in the context of Transnational Commercial Law because all instruments on TCL are embedded in a legal environment that depends on choice of law rules as well as on dispute resolution mechanisms for cross-border litigation. These include sets of rules on the international jurisdiction to adjudicate as well as on recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments. Therefore, it is necessary to have a sound knowledge of Private International Law for understanding the practical impact of instruments of TCL. In addition, there is a growing number of instruments of transnationally harmonized law that unifies choice of law rules, international jurisdiction and the recognition of foreign judgments. Thus, the course will look at Private International Law also as an object of transnational law making.

• Workshop I – Transnational Commercial Law: Students’ Presentations  
  **Prof. Dr. Matthias Weller, Mag.rer.publ. (EBS Law School)**

Workshop I accompanies the class “Transnational Commercial Law II” over ten weeks. Each week, students will be asked to choose a topic from the vast area of transnational commercial law, prepare a presentation for their fellow students and explain (parts of) an instrument of harmonized law, the political and legal process of the making of such an instrument or a telling court decision on a particular important issue. Students will be prepared for this task during the introductory phase of the programme. The workshop will be offered to regular full-time students as well, so there will be good opportunity to mix.
Prof. Dr. Matthias Weller, Mag.rer.publ. (EBS Law School)

Matthias Weller holds the Chair of Civil Law, Civil Procedure and Private International Law at EBS Law School, EBS University for Business and Law (www.ebs.edu), Wiesbaden, Germany. He has been the director of the EBS Law School Research Center on Transnational Commercial Dispute Resolution and the academic director of the EBS Law Term since 2012. He participates in the global meetings of the Teachers of Transnational Commercial Law around Roy Good, Oxford, and Herbert Kronke, Heidelberg, who are co-authors of the leading text book on transnational commercial law. In 2011, he completed his post-doc senior fellowship at the Institute for Foreign and Private International and Commercial Law at the University of Heidelberg. During this time, he was regularly involved in projects on the harmonization of law in the European Union. 1999/1998 he held the Joseph Story Fellowship at Harvard Law School. 1994/1995 he was scholar of the exchange programme between the Universities of Heidelberg and Cambridge and studied law at St. John’s College.

Workshop II – Gleiss Lutz Seminar on Transnational Commercial Law

Gleiss Lutz is one of Germany’s leading full-service, independent law firms. Students will be invited to visit the Frankfurt office for one day and benefit from the expertise of the firm. Lawyers from the firm will present different topics such as transnational contract law for mergers and acquisitions, European and German antitrust law, international arbitration, as well as report on their experiences from doing business in Russia, India, Japan and China. Students are invited to discuss the issues and ask questions. The workshop will be offered to regular full-time students as well.

Prof. Dr. Gerhard Wegen, Partner, M&A/Corporate/Arbitration, Gleiss Lutz

Professor Wegen’s practice focuses on corporate law and M&A. He has an outstanding track record advising international clients in all aspects of cross-border M&A projects. Furthermore, Gerhard also participates regularly in international arbitration proceedings as both an arbitrator and a counsel in more than 130 cases. After training as a bank clerk...and Harvard Law (LL.M. 1981) (Phi Delta Phi) and became a member of the German Bar in 1981. Gerhard has been a partner at Gleiss Lutz since 1987. Gerhard was admitted in New York State and SDNY/EDNY 1983, to the US Ct. App. for the Federal District 2007, US Supreme Court 2009 and US Ct. App. for the Second Circuit 2010. He was also admitted as Foreign Attorney in Brussels/Belgium 1987. Gerhard has been an Honorary Professor at the University of Tübingen since 1997. He is a member of the New York State (NYSBA), American (ABA), International (IBA) and Inter-Pacific (IPBA) Bar Associations (Jurisdictional Council Member, Germany); The Association of the Bar of the City of New York; German and American Societies of International Law, International Law Association (German Branch - International Securities Regulation Committee), German (DIS) and Swiss (ASA) Arbitration Associations, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCArb), AAA International – ICDR Panel of Arbitrators, DIAC (Dubai) International Arbitrator; KCAB (Korean) Panel of International Arbitrators; CIMA (Spain) International Arbitrator’s List, RCICA-Panels (Lagos and Kuala Lumpur). He speaks German, English and French.
Workshop III – Avoiding, Negotiating and Mediating Disputes in Transnational Commerce: Principles, Protocol, and Practice

Thomas J. Dawson, Esq. (California)

The course will begin with a discussion of contract formation, offer, acceptance, and performance, with an emphasis on drafting terms designed to avoid failure and to deal ab initio with problem solving remedies in the event of anticipatory or actual breach.

Then, a factual hypothesis will be presented involving a cross-border negotiation, offer, and acceptance for the manufacture and sale of custom goods by Country A for purchase by Country B, the buyer. A contract involving requirements, performance, delivery, and payment will be negotiated, drafted, and ultimately executed by the parties, only to potentially fail due to one party’s inability to fully perform.

Remedies associated with this potential breach and failure of the enterprise, including mediation and cross-border arbitration, will be explored in a workshop environment.

The problem will be solved with reference to the original contract, used as a road map to negotiate these difficulties.

Thomas J. Dawson, Esq., (California)

Thomas Dawson is a member of the California bar and is licensed to practice before all the courts of the state of California, the federal circuit and appellate courts, and the Supreme Court of the United States. He attended the City College of San Francisco and San Francisco State University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree with emphasis on international relations and world business. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law. Thomas Dawson attended the Harvard Law School Program of Instruction for Lawyers in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy, University of California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, and participated in the Center for International Legal Studies Symposium in Salzburg. He has been a panelist, instructor, and trainer for the American Arbitration Association in San Francisco. Mr. Dawson’s most recent teaching assignment was at the Pan European University School of Law in Bratislava, Slovakia, in the fall of 2011 where he taught Alternative Dispute Resolution. He practices commercial law and alternative dispute resolution in the San Francisco Bay area.
Module 2:

Specializing in Transnational Commercial Law

(Electives)

Courses subject to minor changes – please always consult the programme’s website [www.ebs.edu/lawterm] for fully up-to-date information.

Elective 2.1 • Transnational Corporate Governance of Banks (3 ECTS)

Prof. Dr. Dirk Zetzsche (University of Luxembourg)

The course discusses the governance of financial intermediaries (banks and alternative finance providers, such as asset managers and investment funds), and their role in the financial system. In particular, the course discusses the European rules on the governance of banks, asset managers and investment fund managers and puts these rules in an economic and international context. The course starts with an outline of the particularities of financial intermediaries as compared to non-financial production and service providers. Part 2 deals with the organization of the board of financial intermediaries, while Part 3 discusses the relationship between management and shareholders, creditors and other stakeholders. In Part 4, we discuss the impact of macro- and micro-prudential regulation on the governance of financial institutions. Part 5 concludes with a detailed look at the similarities and differences of on-balance financial services (banks, credit institutions) and off-balance financial services (asset managers, investment fund managers).

The course deals with economic and legal questions. Advanced reading of the recommendations is necessary to enable a fruitful discussion.

Prof. Dr. Dirk Zetzsche (University of Luxembourg)

Prof. Zetzsche holds the ADA Chair for Financial Law and Inclusive Finance at the University of Luxembourg. From 2011 to 2016 he held the Propter Homines Chair for Banking and Securities Law at the University of Liechtenstein. Prof. Zetzsche has functioned as adviser and expert for lawmakers across Europe, including the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Securities and Market Authority (ESMA), the German Ministry of Justice and the German Ministry of Finance, as well as the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein. He has published extensively in the field of private law, corporate, securities and banking law. Some recent publications include Zetzsche (ed), The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD), 2nd ed. 2015 as well as various papers on banking and securities law topics. Prof. Zetzsche is a fellow of the European Banking Institute (EBI); author page: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=357808
Elective 2.2  

**Transnational Securities Law (3 ECTS)**

Dr. Thomas Keijser (International Hellenic University, Keijser Van der Velden Law Firm)

This interactive course aims at providing the students with in-depth insight into the legal aspects of the holding and transfer of intermediated securities. These are securities that are not held in physical form but rather in the form of book entries administered by financial intermediaries such as banks. These securities form the backbone of the global financial markets. The course will explore issues such as the operational and legal set-up of intermediated systems, financial collateral transactions (such as repurchase and securities lending transactions), close-out netting, as well as private international law aspects. The focus will be on relevant legislative instruments at the international level (e.g., the Hague and Geneva Securities Conventions and the UNIDROIT Close-Out Netting Principles) and in Europe (e.g., the Settlement Finality and Financial Collateral Directives). More recent regulatory developments will also be discussed.

Dr. Thomas Keijser (International Hellenic University, Keijser Van der Velden Law Firm)

Thomas Keijser is a practising lawyer (advocaat) at Keijser Van der Velden in the Netherlands and is associated with the International Hellenic University in Greece. From 2007-2012, he was primary responsible for the Geneva Securities Convention as Senior Officer, later Consultant, at UNIDROIT. He is one of the initial authors and co-editor of the Official Commentary on the UNIDROIT Convention on Substantive Rules for Intermediated Securities (OUP, 2012), edited Transnational Securities Law (OUP, 2014), and contributed to Transnational Commercial Law (OUP, 2015). He published widely in the field of financial law, co-organized several international conferences, and was a (visiting) faculty member at universities in Chile, Germany, Greece, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, the Russian Federation, and the United States of America.

Elective 2.3  

**TRANSNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT LAW (3 ECTS)**

**Trade Law (WTO and EU)**

Dr. Stefan Lorenzmeier (University of Augsburg)

The elective course Trade Law is divided into two Parts (WTO and EU). The first part of the course (WTO) deals with the rules of the World Trade Organisation and especially the GATT and the GATS. It concentrates on the issue of law-making at the WTO-level and the different trade rules for goods and services at the respective GATT and GATS-level. Students will learn to deal with the basic international trade rules, namely the most-favoured nation rule, anti-discrimination, market access and rules on unfair trade. The extremely relevant and successful dispute settlement system of the WTO will also be addressed in this context. Additionally, cross-border issues such as trade and the environment and trade and human rights will be discussed.

The second part of the course (EU) will cover the rules applicable to its external trade. The EU enjoys exclusive trade competence and is a member of the WTO. As such, it applies the world trade rules at the European level. The course will introduce students to the special EU system and its primary and secondary legal rules, such as the EU regulations on external trade. Prior knowledge of EU law is not mandatory but beneficial; all relevant issues will be dealt with and explained in class. Further aspects discussed are the role of WTO law in the European legal order and the special role of European companies for enforcing WTO rules at the global level.

Dr. Stefan Lorenzmeier (University of Augsburg)

Stefan Lorenzmeier holds a tenured position at the University of Augsburg’s Law School, where he also obtained his doctorate. He studied law at the universities of Bielefeld (D), Leiden (NL, LL.M. in European Union Law) and Urbana-Champaign (USA) and has lectured at several other universities, inter alia Pittsburgh, Amsterdam, Strathclyde (Glasgow) and Bozen/Bolzano. His teaching and research focuses on European and International Law with a special emphasis on trade law rules. For his doctoral thesis as well as for his teaching Stefan Lorenzmeier has received state-wide awards.
• **Investment Law (e.g. ICSID / Bilateral Investment Treaties)**
  
  Prof. Dr. Jörn Griebel (University of Cologne)

  This course concerns those international rules which provide for protection of investments abroad. Such rules are mostly found within international investment agreements. Today, almost 3000 such agreements have been signed, mostly in the form of bilateral agreements. These constitute the basis for the field of international investment law, one of the pillars of international economic law. Investment treaties provide for substantive standards of protection such as the principle of no expropriation without compensation, fair and equitable treatment, national treatment, most-favoured-nation treatment, full protection and security, no arbitrary or discriminatory treatment, and umbrella clauses. Within most of these agreements one also finds a mechanism by way of which an investor who has suffered a violation of his or her rights under the investment treaty can bring a claim against the host state before international tribunals. To date more than 500 such proceedings have taken place and have demonstrated the practical relevance of this field.

  The course is intended to outline the most relevant questions of substantive as well as procedural law.

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**Prof. Dr. Jörn Griebel (University of Cologne)**

Jörn Griebel is Associate Professor of Public Law, International Law and International Investment Law at the International Investment Law Centre Cologne (University of Cologne). He studied at the University of Cologne and University College London. He gained the qualification diplôme d'études supérieures (D.E.S.) from the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Études International (Geneva) and holds a doctorate (Dr. jur.) from the University of Cologne. He regularly publishes in various fields of law, in particular international law and international investment law, as well as European and public law. His practical experience includes inter alia investment proceedings.

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**Elective 2.4**

**TRANSNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW / CULTURAL PROPERTY LAW (3 ECTS)**

• **Intellectual Property Law (e.g. WIPO / TRIPS / Berne Convention)**

  Prof. Dr. Martin Senftleben (University of Amsterdam, Senior Consultant Bird & Bird)

  The course aims at introducing participants to the international legal framework for the protection of intellectual property. First, the fundamental principles on which the international protection system rests – the principles of territoriality and national treatment and the guarantees of minimum rights and most-favoured-nation treatment – will be discussed. The protection of intellectual property will also be viewed from the perspective of freedom of competition. Attention will be devoted to the economic importance of intellectual creations and the rationales underlying the establishment of the intellectual property protection system.

  Second, the main branches of the intellectual property system – copyright, patent and trademark law – will be analysed in more detail. In this context, the course will provide an overview of the legal provisions set forth in the main international intellectual property treaties, in particular the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. The analysis will be conducted on the basis of a business-oriented, strategic approach that includes the discussion of supranational (international and European) patent and trademark registration strategies and portfolio management.

  Participants will learn to solve practical international intellectual property law cases and to develop strategic solutions against the background of the different legal traditions and cultures underlying the international protection system. They will acquire a fundamental understanding of intellectual property issues.
Prof. Dr. Martin Senftleben (University of Amsterdam, Senior Consultant Bird & Bird)

Martin Senftleben is Vice Dean (Research), Professor of Intellectual Property and Director of the Kooijmans Institute for Law and Governance at the VU University Amsterdam, and Of Counsel at Bird & Bird, The Hague. His activities focus on the reconciliation of private intellectual property rights with competing public interests of a social, cultural or economic nature. Current research topics concern flexible fair use copyright limitations, trademark law and the preservation of the public domain, the harmonization of trademark law in the EU, the enforcement of intellectual property rights in the digital environment and the liability of online platforms for infringement.

Mr. Senftleben studied law at the University of Heidelberg. He worked as a researcher at the Institute for Information Law (IVIR) of the University of Amsterdam and the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition in Munich. In 2004, he was awarded a doctorate by the University of Amsterdam. From 2004 to 2007, he was a legal officer in the trademarks, industrial designs and geographical indications law division of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva. Mr. Senftleben is a member of the Copyright Advisory Committee of the Dutch State. He provided advice to WIPO in several trademark and copyright projects. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association littéraire et artistique internationale (ALAI) and the International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property Law (ATRIP). As a guest lecturer, he provides courses at the Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI), Strasbourg, the EBS University of Business and Law, Wiesbaden, the Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC) and the Universities of Vienna and Catania.

• Arts and Cultural Property Law

Prof. Dr. Michael Anton (University of Saarbrücken)

This elective addresses the rapidly emerging fields of Art and Cultural Property Law. Acting in an extremely international market, issues dealt with involve mainly international law, but also private, public and criminal law. Utilizing an interdisciplinary approach students learn about an exceptional status of cultural assets differing from the legal qualities of ordinary commercial goods in the fields of law.

The course will show how the international art market works and will enable students to give legal assistance to artists, dealers and collectors with regard to selling and purchasing cultural goods. Analyzing current international cases of art fraud, the course illuminates criminal and civil liabilities and examines the legal position of art experts and their opinions. Another topic will be the fate of cultural objects in times of war, focusing especially on art looting in the World War II era. Students learn about the protection afforded to cultural heritage in wartime and engage in international legal instruments that guard works of art from destruction and pillage. Against this background, the course discusses the Holocaust related art loss in Germany and addresses the problem of the so-called degenerate art. Students acquire knowledge about the effectiveness of these international instruments and study different restitution claims. Today, museums all over the world consider themselves to be exposed to restitution claims and have to comply with international legal standards.

Each section of this course furnishes the participants with the respective legal instruments such as international conventions and national statutes as well as the relevant legal decisions. If possible, the images of the art objects in question will be presented so that the students also learn to appreciate the artistic, ethical and cultural values discussed.

Prof. Dr. Michael Anton (University of Saarbrücken)

Michael Anton works as Associate Professor (Privatdozent) at Saarland University, Germany. He studied law in Saarbrücken and Johannesburg, South Africa, where he obtained an LLM in International Commercial and Banking Law. In his doctoral thesis on comparative law, Michael Anton examined bona fide acquisitions in international art market transactions. His post-doctoral thesis focused mainly on questions of private international and procedural law. Michael Anton’s academic mentor is Prof. Dr. iur. Dr. rer. publ. Dr. h.c. mult. Michael Martinek, Saarland University.
Elective 2.5  TRANSNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

- Transnational Non-Commercial Law: Human Rights Law as an Example?
  Prof. Dr. Kerstin Odendahl (University of Kiel)

After the Second World War a new area of public international law emerged: Human Rights. States agreed on international standards concerning the rights of individuals. Their aim was to protect individuals against the abuse of state power by guaranteeing them freedom (civil and political rights), a decent standard of living (economic, social and cultural rights) and far-reaching collective rights (rights of peoples). The rights are laid down in universal treaties developed under the auspices of the United Nations and in various regional treaties implemented in Europe, Latin America, Africa and the Arab world.

After a brief introduction to the history of International Human Rights law the course will focus on the most important universal and regional Human Rights treaties in order to show how they have internationally unified the rights conferred to individuals. Human Rights are of crucial importance not only for single persons but also for companies. On the one hand, companies are holders of certain Human Rights since they are legal persons. On the other hand, there are several initiatives to bind companies to Human Rights standards in order to make sure that they respect Human Rights as well.

Prof. Dr. Kerstin Odendahl (University of Kiel)

Kerstin Odendahl is Professor of Public International Law, European Union Law and Public Law as well as Managing Director of the Walther-Schücking Institute for International Law at the Christian-Albrechts University of Kiel (Germany). Before taking over the position in Kiel she was Professor of Public International Law and European Union Law at the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland) for almost seven years. Kerstin Odendahl was born in Hamburg, spent her youth in Mexico, studied law and political sciences in Bonn, Trier (Germany) and in Aix-en-Provence (France) and wrote her doctoral thesis as well as her habilitation thesis in Trier. She has taught as Visiting Professor at the Université Paris I - Panthéon Sorbonne (France), the Georgetown University Law Center, Washington D.C. (USA), the University of Oviedo (Spain), the Karl-Franzens University, Graz (Austria) and the International Hellenic University in Thessaloniki (Greece). Since 2009, she has been Permanent Visiting Professor at the Paris-Sorbonne University in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates). Her areas of specialisation are the fundamentals of Public International Law, Human Rights Law, International Environmental Law, International Cultural Heritage Law, International Dispute Settlement and International Peace and Security.
Elective 2.6  
TRANSNATIONAL COMMERCIAL EU LAW (3 ECTS)

• EU Fundamental Freedoms as a Model for Internal Markets?
  Dr. Luigi Malferrari, LL.M (Harvard) (Legal Service, European Commission)

The course is about EU law regarding the free movement of goods (including customs union and non-discriminatory taxation), services, capital and workers. The objective of the course is threefold: 1) to teach the basics of the EU single market law and to show the crucial questions raised in the setting-up and advancement of an economic union such as the EU (e.g., conflict between economic freedoms and social protection); 2) to foster discussion about judicial reasoning and legislative and judicial choices; and 3) to illustrate to students the tools of legal argumentation.

The teaching materials consist of abstracts from relevant provisions, judgments and textbooks; they must be read before class and are discussed during class. The teaching style is a mixture of the Socratic and the ex-cathedra method. Critical approach, dialogical participation of the students and contextualization of the law (putting the law in its historical, social and economic context) are combined with rigorous learning standards and exams (multiple choice tests at the end of each class and a case study at the end of the course). The course benefits from the judicial experience of the lecturer, who used to work as clerk (référendaire) at the European Court of Justice and is now a member of the Legal Service of the European Commission.

Dr. Luigi Malferrari, LL.M (Harvard) (Legal Service, European Commission)

Luigi Malferrari is a member of the Legal Service of the European Commission where he represents the institution before the EU courts and provides internal legal advice in the field of competition law. He previously worked as a legal officer in the European Commission’s Directorate General for Internal Market in the field of services and establishment. Prior to this, he served for several years as a clerk („référendaire“) at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. He holds a doctorate from the University of Heidelberg, a DAAD scholarship at the Max-Planck-Institute for international law in Heidelberg, an LLM from Harvard Law School (Fulbright scholar) and an LLB from the University of Bologna. He graduated from Philips Academy, Andover (USA) in 1991. He was admitted to the Italian bar in 2001. Since 2004 he has been lecturing on the topic of „EU free movement law“ for the Sciences Po Master’s programme at the Robert Schuman University in Strasbourg. He has spoken at several international conferences and has published a number of articles on a variety of EU law-related topics in English, French, Italian and German.

• EU Antitrust Law (e.g. EU Primary and Secondary Law)
  Dr. Michael Rosenthal (Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Brussels)

The antitrust class taught by Dr. Michael Rosenthal provides a comprehensive treatment of EU competition law and procedure, including merger control, abuse of a dominant position and anti-competitive agreements (including cartels). It adopts an integrated approach that embraces both the law and economics of EU competition law. Each topic will be discussed from a practitioner’s perspective based on practical insight from cases before the competition authorities and courts. Another focus will be the challenges multinational companies are facing when dealing with cross-border antitrust investigations carried out by authorities in different jurisdictions under different legal standards and with different enforcement priorities. In this context, particular attention will be given to parallel investigations by the EU, the US and China.

Dr. Michael Rosenthal (Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Brussels)

Michael Rosenthal is the founder and head of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati’s Brussels office. He advises clients on all aspects of EU and German competition law before the European Commission as well as the national competition authority (Bundeskartellamt) and courts in Germany. Michael Rosenthal is listed as a leading competition lawyer in the principal legal directories and is the co-author of the book Rosenthal/Thomas, European Merger Control (C.H. Beck/Hart Publishing, 2010). He received his LLM from Columbia Law School, his doctorate from Johannes Gutenberg University Law School, and a French-German business law degree from the Université de Bourgogne. Michael Rosenthal is a member of the Düsseldorf and New York Bars, as well as an associate member of the Brussels Bar.
Elective 2.7 **TRANSNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION (3 ECTS)**

- Arbitration (e.g. New York Convention)
  
  Dr. Francesca Mazza (Secretary General of the Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit [DIS])
  Dr. Christopher Boog (Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer, Zurich)

The 10 hours course aims at providing students with an understanding of the mechanics of international dispute resolution. The course will encompass both lectures and practical exercises. It will focus on business disputes and will also look at the topic from an in-house lawyer’s perspective.

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**Dr. Francesca Mazza (Secretary General of the Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgericht)**

Francesca Mazza has extensive experience in international arbitration both ad hoc and under the rules of international commercial arbitration institutions. She joined the leading German arbitration institution DIS as Secretary General designate in October 2012. Before joining DIS, Francesca was with the International Court of Arbitration in Paris. She started as Counsel leading one of the case management teams and was promoted to Secretary to the ICC Commission on Arbitration when the process of revising the ICC Rules of arbitration started.

Francesca Mazza has supervised hundreds of arbitration proceedings taking place across the globe. Her experience encompasses a range of disputes concerning various sectors, including construction, engineering and infrastructure, the pharmaceutical industry, energy and renewable energies, telecoms, military procurement as well as mergers and acquisitions, shareholder agreements and general commercial disputes. She was one of the principal draft persons of the 2012 ICC Rules of Arbitration and she co-authored the „Secretariat’s Guide to ICC Arbitration: A Practical Commentary on the 2012 ICC Rules of Arbitration from the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, ICC Publishing 2012 (co-authors Fry and Greenberg).

Francesca Mazza read law in Milan (Italy) and Heidelberg (Germany). She is qualified as a lawyer in Germany and holds a doctorate from the University of Heidelberg. She is fluent in Italian, German, English and French. She has published various books and articles. She is a regular speaker at arbitration conferences and lectures on international commercial arbitration and private international law at universities and business schools in various European countries.

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**Dr. Christopher Boog (Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer, Zurich)**

Christopher Boog is a Partner in Schellenberg Wittmer’s International Arbitration Group in Zurich. He specializes in international arbitration, represents clients and acts as arbitrator in commercial disputes related to construction and engineering projects, research and development, sales contracts, including post-M&A disputes, the energy sector (including oil&gas) and the pharmaceutical and automotive industries. Christopher graduated from the law schools of the Universities of Amsterdam and Fribourg. He was also a Visiting Scholar at Columbia Law School in New York and obtained a doctorate in law (summa cum laude) from the University of Zurich. He regularly publishes and speaks in the fields of international arbitration and transnational litigation.
• United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods

RA Dr. Nils Schmidt-Ahrendts (Partner, Hanefeld, Hamburg)

The UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) is a treaty offering a uniform international sales law. It has been ratified by 78 countries, making it one of the most successful international uniform laws ever. The CISG was developed by the UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and signed in Vienna in 1980. The CISG is accepted by states from every geographical region, every stage of economic development and every major legal, social and economic system. The aim of this course is to provide an overview of the CISG. The course will address the sphere of application of the CISG, the formation of contracts, the obligations of the parties as well as the parties’ remedies under the CISG. Students will also be able to analyse potential advantages and disadvantages the CISG offers for buyers and sellers compared to various domestic laws.

RA Dr. Nils Schmidt-Ahrendts (Partner, Hanefeld, Hamburg)

Nils Schmidt-Ahrendts primarily acts as arbitrator and counsel in domestic and international arbitration proceedings under the rules of the ICC, the DIS, the SCC and the LCIA as well as in ad hoc proceedings. He also represents domestic and international clients in proceedings before German courts and assists them with the enforcement of foreign awards and judgments. His focus lies in the areas international trade, sales law, construction law, corporate law and post M&A. Nils Schmidt-Ahrendts holds a Doctor of Laws in international sales law (CISG). Before joining Hanefeld Rechtsanwälte, he worked several years with CMS Munich in the team of Dr. Klaus Sachs. He is a permanent lecturer on arbitration and CISG at the Universities of Berlin, Freiburg and the European Business School. He regularly speaks at international conferences and is the author of a number of publications. Nils Schmidt-Ahrendts speaks German, English, French and Spanish.

Elective 2.8 TRANSNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATION (3 ECTS)

• Transnational Commercial Litigation

Martin Metz, LL.M.

In a globalized world, litigation is transnational. More and more commercial disputes involve parties of different nationalities or activities crossing territorial borders. Using a background of practical scenarios, this course aims to familiarize students with the interests at stake and the main procedural steps in transnational commercial litigation. Participants will develop an understanding of relevant policy considerations as well as risks and opportunities in cross border disputes.

The course will first introduce the main differences between European and U.S. Court proceedings, as well as the relevant international and regional instruments. Second, it will analyze the scope and the functioning of the Hague Service Convention and various national concepts of service of process. Third, the course will engage with the significance of international jurisdiction and primary differences in contemporary jurisdictional approaches. Fourth, it will examine the Hague Evidence Convention and difficulties of taking evidence in cross border proceedings, arising out of different legal cultures. Finally, the course will deal with the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and the most recent developments of the Hague Judgments Project.

Martin Metz, LL.M.

Martin Metz is an Associate in DLA Piper’s Litigation and Arbitration team in Cologne, where he has specialized in international litigation relating to commercial disputes in insurance, energy, and patents. He is admitted to the Bar in California and in Cologne. Before joining DLA Piper, Mr. Metz spent two years as a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley. There, he conducted research for his Ph.D. on transnational human rights litigation and externed at the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Mr. Metz received a Maîtrise en Droit at the Université de Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne), and spent his prior studies at the University of Cologne, the National Law School of India University, and the Hague Academy of Private International Law. He is the author of some publications on international litigation and has lectured at the University of Cologne and the China EU School of Law in Peking.
Module 3:

Legal Thesis in Transnational Commercial Law
(Elective, Small Thesis 3 ECTS, Large Thesis 6 ECTS)

Legal writing is essential to any professional legal activity. EBS Law Term offers the opportunity to complete the course by writing a legal thesis on selected topics from Transnational Commercial Law, subject to individual agreement with a supervisor from the Faculty.

Module 4:

Getting to know Germany as a Player in Transnational Commerce (Elective)

- Comparative Law I: German Private Law (3 ECTS)
  RA Dr. Martin Mekat (Freshfields, Frankfurt)

The course „Comparative Law I: German Private Law“ introduces students to the foundations of German civil law and to the methodology to solve cases and structure legal argumentation. In this context, also torts, property law and the law of unjust enrichment will be discussed in class, all from a comparative law perspective. The following topics will be covered in detail: legal transactions and the principle of abstraction, capacity and limited capacity to contract, types of contracts, defects of declarations of intent, agency, standard business terms and consumer laws, breach of contract, and specific contracts. In addition, a brief introduction to German company law will be provided, including an overview of the laws of the German limited liability company (GmbH and UG) and stock corporation laws (AG) as well as an overview of European Company Law (freedom of establishment, SE, SPE).

RA Dr. Martin Mekat (Freshfields, Frankfurt)

Martin Mekat is a Principal Associate in the Frankfurt Office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP. He focuses on litigation and arbitration in all areas of commercial law. Martin Mekat also acts for clients in post-compliance litigation proceedings and is a member of Freshfields’ Global Investigations Group. He completed his legal education at the University of Konstanz, Université Paul Cézanne (Aix-Marseille III) and the University of Oxford (Trinity College). He was a research assistant at the University of Heidelberg (2005-06), where he obtained a doctor of laws degree (Dr. iur.) in 2009. He was admitted as a lawyer to the German bar in 2010.
• **Comparative Law II: German Public Law (3 ECTS)**

  **RA Dr. Andreas Dehio (Linklaters, Frankfurt)**

German Public Law will give an overall outline of German public law. The class will focus on German Constitutional Law (Staatsrecht), Basic Rights (Grundrechte), Introduction to European Community Law and Anti-Trust, German General Administrative Law and Procedures and Economic Administrative Law.

German Constitutional Law will include sessions on the general concept of state, the history of German Constitutional Law and the elementary principles on which the German Constitution (Grundgesetz) is based. The sessions on Basic Rights will illustrate the general concept of basic rights in Germany, their scope and functionality and provide an in-depth analysis of certain fundamental basic rights. The class will also focus on the role of basic rights for German Public Law and will place particular focus on legal remedies in the case of an intrusion of basic rights. In the respective sessions, a detailed analysis of key decisions made by the German Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht) will be carried out. The sessions on European Community Law and Anti-Trust will give an outline of the principles of European Community Law, the institutions of the European Union, their duties and responsibilities and the European basic freedoms. Further, the class will deal with the core principles of German Administrative Law and procedures, in particular focusing on general principles of administrative law, the concept of an administrative act (Verwaltungsakt) and possible remedies in administrative proceedings. Finally, the course will include a brief introduction to Economic Administrative Law with a specific focus on financial regulation.

**RA Dr. Andreas Dehio (Linklaters, Frankfurt)**

Andreas Dehio is a lawyer and Associate with Linklaters LLP in Frankfurt am Main. He specializes in regulatory law and advises clients on all aspects of banking supervisory, stock exchange, securities trading and insurance supervisory law. In addition, he has a special focus on investment fund law. Before joining Linklaters, Andreas Dehio studied law at the Universities of Saarbrücken and Heidelberg. He passed the first State examination in 2005 and was a research fellow at Suffolk Law School in Boston, MA for his doctoral thesis. Prior to passing his Bar Exam in 2009, he worked as a trainee at the Higher Regional Court in Frankfurt a.M. with stages inter alia at the German Financial Supervisory Authority and Darmstadt Administrative Court.
My exchange at EBS was much more than a typical Erasmus exchange. As a student from Slovenia, I had a chance to meet fellow law students from all continents, which was truly eye-opening. The fact that we came from differing jurisdictions and legal systems made classes really interesting and fun. This incredible group of people introduced me to their local customs and traditional foods, their music and way of living, which is irreplaceable.

I appreciated the EBS curriculum for providing a variety of subjects, which further complemented our knowledge of the essential theme of the program: Transnational Commercial Law. Personally, I wish to specialize in the field of commercial law and EBS provided a wide variety of electives, giving me the opportunity to tailor the program according to my wishes. The lecturers were professional and well prepared but they also understood that we came from different jurisdictions and were not too demanding. One of the best aspects of this exchange was the chance to visit three international law firms. We don’t get such chances in Slovenia, hence I am grateful to EBS for providing such opportunities to us.

EBS Law School is placed in a small but modern facility, which is well equipped and comfortable for studying and hanging out. The faculty staff is really friendly and helpful. Wiesbaden might be small but it’s a lovely city with a lot of heart. It is well connected to Mainz and Frankfurt, which provide for a more cosmopolitan vibe, shopping and clubbing. The best part – the airports and the fact that you can easily access other parts of Europe. Many of my schoolmates from other continents got a great chance to visit a lot of European countries.

Lena
University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
EBS Law Term 2015

The three months in EBS law school was really a blessing for me. The teaching provided by the distinguished professors was inspiring. I broadened my outlook through these interesting topics. My interest on other topics that I was not familiar with was also developed by this program. I got a very comprehensive understanding of the transnational commercial law. The professors here are very nice and they are always ready to respond to your questions. The staffs of the school are always kindly to help you in every issue you met.

In addition to that, the life in Germany is really exciting. I got a deeper understanding of Germany. My classmates are from all over the world and this gave me the chance to know different people from different countries and know their ideas on the same question. That was really interesting. The experience in EBS law school is really unforgettable. I love this program and hope I can come to Germany again in the future.

Lianghui
University of Macau, China
EBS Law Term 2015
I really enjoyed my time here in EBS Law School. The programme and curriculum was great and I managed to learn a lot about transnational commercial law. Many different modules were offered, and most of these modules covered very specialised areas of the law. It was very interesting that most of our lecturers were law practitioners from leading law firms as well as law professors, so they were able to offer us many valuable insights into various fields of commercial law.

I liked how several study trips were planned for us. Through these study trips, I learnt a lot about the EU institutions such as the European Court of Justice and the European Central Bank, among others. The faculty staff at EBS Law School are very friendly, and they are always ready to help students with any questions or problems they may have.

Overall, I had a great time at EBS Law School. The highlight was the diversity of students. My classmates came from countries all over the world and it was a very pleasant experience getting to know them and hanging out with them during my free time.

The EBS law term 2015, the three and a half months in Wiesbaden has just flown by and brought me more than I ever expected in advance. Besides an interesting and varied programme I met great people from all over the world.

The program was mainly focussed on transnational commercial law and covered it in the broadest sense. What I liked about the programme was the diversity; besides the “regular” commercial law subjects you had the possibility to chose subjects such as “German Public Law” and “Anti-trust Law”. The majority of the alternating programme was given by enthusiastic professors and law practitioners who came mainly straight from the work field. Because of the strong connection with the legal practice the lectures gave us a good insight in the practice of particular fields of law. To deepen the programme the EBS offered study trips to various law firms and European institutions, for example to the E.C.J. in Luxemburg and the European Parliament in Strasburg.

Furthermore what I really liked about the programme was the great variety of the fellow students. The students were originating all over the world; from South-America, Canada to China and everywhere in between. Discussions in class gave new insights because everyone approached (legal) problems from their home jurisdiction, these different systems and social values resulted in different motivations and reasoning even though we came (off course not always) to the same conclusion.

In addition to the programme there was enough time to spend with your fellow students. During the activities we organised together, from drinks to travelling across Europe, I met great people. People that, I can say for sure, will be friends for life. We created together a global group of friends of an unique mixture. For sure we are going to meet each other after the programme again.

“The hardest part of the programme was the end; the moment to say goodbye to everyone”

The programme is relatively new and changing a bit every year. The EBS staff is aware of this and is constantly on the lookout and asking for feedback. Even during the programme they are implementing the feedback in order to improve. Complements for the staff anyway, they are really friendly, involved and always willing to help you with many different things.

The city of Wiesbaden is not a big metropolis but for the relative short period of 3.5 months it is perfectly fine to live there. You know your way around pretty fast, it is a friendly city and due the size you always live close to one of your fellow students so after class you can easily do things together.

In short, an amazing experience on so many different levels. International education in a great region in Germany; central in Europe at the EBS. It is an opportunity like no other to meet great, interesting and inspiring people from all over the world. My recommendation would be: if you have the possibility to go, do not hesitate and take the chance.
Step 1: Nomination

Deadline: 15 April 2016
The exchange coordinator of the home university nominates exchange students through the online nomination system (details will be sent to all exchange coordinators in due time).

Step 2: Email with information about online application

Nominated exchange students will receive an email from EBS International Programmes Office with details on the application procedure.
Please note that it may take 2-3 working days for EBS to process the nominations and mail out the login details to your students.

Step 3: Application procedure

Deadline: 1 May 2016
Students upload the necessary documents into the application system.