

Master en Ciencias Jurídicas	
Course: Trade Agreements and Labor Law	Term: 3 ^o
	Credits: 3
	Language: English
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Course description
<p>Theoretical Approach: The course aims to study Labor Law debates that are related to trade agreements , underlining the role of actors in regulating labor conditions. We will examine this topic from a multilevel perspective and with a focus on the contribution of both hard and soft law techniques in the conformation of labor rights. We will examine the issue of including labor rights in trade agreements from the standpoint of de-commodification of labor rights.</p> <p>Skills: The Course will prepare students to critically assess ongoing debates on labor relations and rights. At the end of the course, the students should be able to read some of the current labor relations debates from the perspective of Trade Agreements, in the interaction of supranational, national, and local regulations.</p>

Requirements
English.

Methodology
Lectures, and active participation based on the readings is recommended.

Syllabus	
1^o session	Globalization as the context: elements of a definition.
2^o session	Markets and commodification of rigths.
3^o session	Trade agreements and labor rigths: models of regulation.
4-5 sessions	The European Union as case from the perspective of social rigths.
6-7 sessions	Mercosur y Nafta: differing approaches to the regulation of labor.
8 session	Supranational collective agreements and transnational collective action: the role of workers representation.
9 session	Final discussion.

	Reading: Hepple, B., Labour Law and Global Trade, Hart Publishing, 2005.
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Activities
Reading and commenting the recommended bibliography, the case studies, and the movie.

Grading		
Concept		Comments
Participation	60%	It is necessary to attend and participate 90% of the classes.
Final paper	40%	Final paper reading the movie <i>Metrópolis</i> under the perspective of some of the topics developed in the syllabus.

Bibliography y materials
The recommended bibliography . Hepple, B., Labour Law and Global Trade, Hart Publishing, 2005.