

11th Annual LLM Workshop
“Legal Aspects of World and Regional Trade”
(by invitation only)

**Theme: A geopolitical trade war of acronyms:
CBAM, AfCFTA, MC14 etc.**

Old Main Building c/o Victoria & Ryneveld Street, Seminar Room 1028,
Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch, South Africa

Programme

18 April 2026

Panel 1: The WTO at crossroads, the way forward and outcomes of MC14
(Moderator: Prof Oliver Ruppel)

9:30-10:30 - Panel chair: Jana Köhler

10:30-11:30 – Co-chair: Samkelisiwe Masimula

Discussants: Philipp Kessler & Theonichia Gewers

11:30-11:45 - Health Break

Panel 2: A “new world trading order”?
Geopolitics, regionalism, protectionism and national security
(Moderator: Prof Oliver Ruppel)

11:45-12:30 – Panel chair: Thursten Geswindt

12:30-13:30 – Co-chair: Michael Wittmann

Discussants: Constantin Reinold & Tenielle Isaacs

13:30-14:00 - Lunch

Panel 3: Latest FTA developments: Focus EU-Mercosur
(Moderator: Dr Ruda Murray)

14:00-15:00 – Panel chair: Mehmet Mirkas Avci

15:00-16:00 – Co-chair: Louis von Bismarck-Osten

Discussants: Niclas Zender & Jeremias Brost

16:00 End

19 April 2026

Panel 4: The AfCFTA from a Public International Law Perspective

(Moderator: Dr Ruda Murray)

9:30-10:30 - Panel chair: Niclas Zender

10:30-11:30 – Co-chair: Jeremias Brost

Discussants: Mehmet Mirkas Avci & Louis von Bismarck-Osten

11:30-11:45 - Health Break

Panel 5: Climate policy, WTO law and CBAM: From a South African Perspective

(Moderator: Prof Oliver Ruppel)

11:45-12:30 – Panel chair: Constantin Reinold

12:30-13:30 – Co-chair: Tienielle Isaacs

Discussants: Thursten Geswindt & Michael Wittmann

13:30-14:00 - Lunch

Panel 6: Trade in Critical Minerals: A Multidimensional Governance Perspective

(Moderator: Dr Ruda Murray)

14:00-15:00 – Panel chair: Philipp Kessler

15:00-16:00 – Co-chair: Theonichia Gewers

Discussants: Jana Köhler & Samkelisiwe Masimula

16:00 End / group photo

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