

Trade Law and Policy  
Professor Teachout  
Spring Term, 2020

Reading Assignment for First Class, Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Text: Guzman, Pauwelyn, and Hillman, International Trade Law, 3rd ed. (2016) and Documents Supplement

Office hours: Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 or by appointment

The course on Trade Law and Policy has four large goals: first, to introduce students to the system of rules and regulations governing international trade; second, to help students develop a basic proficiency in identifying and analyzing typical trade law problems; third, to provide an informed basis for evaluating and criticizing both current U.S. trade policy and the current regime of international trade rules; and fourth (optional), to allow students who wish to do so to prepare and present a research paper on a topic of interest in lieu of taking a final exam.

Students should enroll on the TWEN site for the course. The syllabus and all assignments (including this one) will be posted there.

Reading Assignment for First Class

The first class session will focus on a number of current issues in trade law and policy. Please read and be prepared to discuss the following articles or summary notices (the last three listed below are each only one paragraph long).

Your assignment is a simple one: Identify and be prepared to share with class at least three questions you are left with after reading these articles (references you do not understand or regarding which you would like some additional clarification).

**I. U.S. Trade Policy under President Trump**

**(1) USMCA, Trump's new NAFTA deal, explained in 600 words**

A brief guide to the trade deal between Canada, Mexico, and the US.

By Jen Kirby [jen.kirby@vox.com](mailto:jen.kirby@vox.com)

<https://www.vox.com/2018/10/3/17930092/usmca-mexico-nafta-trump-trade-deal-explained>

**(2) Trump Cripples W.T.O. as Trade War Rages**

[https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/08/business/trump-trade-war-wto.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit\\_th\\_191209?campaign\\_id=2&instance\\_id=14318&segment\\_id=19426&user\\_id=898da8cda34af2ce762463a28e399d7a&regi\\_id=635093371209](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/08/business/trump-trade-war-wto.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit_th_191209?campaign_id=2&instance_id=14318&segment_id=19426&user_id=898da8cda34af2ce762463a28e399d7a&regi_id=635093371209)

### **(3) Trump's Tariffs Cost U.S. Companies \$46 Billion to Date, Data Shows**

<https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2020/01/09/business/09reuters-usa-trade-economy.html>

### **(4) How Trump Lost His Trade War**

Op-ed by Paul Krugman

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/16/opinion/trump-china-trade.html>

## **II The WTO Perspective**

### **The WTO's 25 years of achievement and challenges**

As the WTO marks its 25-year anniversary, Director-General Roberto Azevêdo reflects on the organisation's achievements and on the formidable challenges it faces in the coming years.

[https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news20\\_e/dgra\\_01jan20\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news20_e/dgra_01jan20_e.htm)

## **III. Three Current Disputes in the WTO**

### **(1) United States Wins for the Sixth Time in Airbus Subsidies Dispute (12/02/2019)**

*Panel Rejects EU's Latest Claims that it Removed Illegal Subsidies*

<https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2019/december/united-states-wins-sixth-time>

### **(2) China initiates WTO dispute against additional US duties on Chinese imports**

China has requested WTO dispute consultations with the United States concerning additional duties imposed by the United States on imports of Chinese goods that took effect on 1 September. The request was circulated to WTO members on 4 September.

[https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news19\\_e/ds587rfc\\_04sep19\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/ds587rfc_04sep19_e.htm)

### **(3) Indonesia initiates WTO dispute complaint against EU biofuels measures**

Indonesia has requested WTO dispute consultations with the European Union regarding measures adopted by the EU and its member states in the renewable energy sector relating to biofuels. The request was circulated to WTO members on 16 December.

[https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news19\\_e/ds593rfc\\_16dec19\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/ds593rfc_16dec19_e.htm)