Objective of the Course

In the Twenty First Century trade and commercial activities work beyond trade barrier. The New International Economic Order (NIEO) helps in economic integration with that of the pragmatic approaches of the international trade regime. International Trade Agreements also encroach the arena of both environment and human rights arena. The Dispute Settlement Body of the World Trade Organisation is actively working in harmonizing the trade, environment, development and human rights issues. The Five units that it comprises deal with the role of human rights in development, general aspects of international trade and development, the role of TNCs, trade-related sanctions for human rights violations, the question of sovereignty, and human rights perspective in India.

Course content

1. Role of Human Rights in Development
   I. Theories of development
   II. Vision of the NIEO
   III. Development and trade off on human rights

2. International Trade and Development
   I. From ITO to WTO
   II. Unequal terms of trade imposed by the Uruguay Round of GATT negotiation
   III. Role of unfair terms of trade in human rights violation

3. Role of Transnational Corporations in trade/Development
   I. Monopolies and right to development
   II. National control over international trade
   III. Codes of conduct and TNCs and function
   IV. Destruction of environment by TNCs
   V. From consumer rights to human rights

4. Trade-related Sanctions for Human Rights Violations
   I. Debate on the social clause
   II. Sanctions imposed by unilateral/bilateral trade terms, blockade of Cuba, US sanctions on the Third World
   III. Trade related sanctions under the multilateral system
      Human Rights standards and international trade
5. **International Trade and Human Rights Perspective in India**

I. Impact of GATT-WTO on Sovereignty  
II. Sovereign states and peoples’ rights: issues of economic sovereignty  
III. Human Rights Law and Institutions in India  
IV. Judiciary on Right to Development and Right to Environment

**Recommended Books**

- Author Krishen Koul - Guide to the WTO and GATT  
- Anupam Goyal - The WTO and International Environmental Law Towards Conciliation  
- Andrew F. Lowenfeld – International Economic Law  
- John H. Jackson, Sovereignty, the WTO and the changing fundamentals of International Trade Law  
- Day, D.M and Griffin, Bernardette - The Law of International Trade  
- Philip Sands - Principle of International Environmental Law  
- Indira Carr and Peter Stone - International Trade Law  
- Petersmann, Ernest Ulrich - The GATT/WTO Dispute Settlement System: International Law International Organization and Dispute Settlement System  
- Alan Boyle and Patricia Birnie - International Law and Environment.  
- Julius Stone- Human Law and Human Justice.  
- R.Dworkin-Taking rights Seriously

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