**Saint Petersburg State University**

**Faculty of Economics**

**Module Specification**

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|  | **Basic module information** |  |
|  | **Module title** | EU in the international trading system |
|  | **Module code** |  |
|  | **Credit points** | 3 |
|  | **Duration (contact hours)** | 40 |
|  | **Department** | World Economy |
|  | **Date** |  |
| **The module is developed under Jean Monnet Programme.** | | |
| 1. **Overview and Aims** | | |
| **Overview:** The course introduces students to a contemporary trade policy of the EU in the framework of the WTO. The focus is on the EU position in the regulation of trade in goods, services, and intellectual property rights as well as international trade negotiations. The course also explores trade-related issues and discusses challenges for the EU trade policy development in the WTO. The aim of the course is to reveal the characteristics of the EU trade policy from the perspective of its participation in the WTO. **The objectives** are the following:  - to discuss challenges for modern development of the EU trade policy in the context of the WTO regulation;  - to analyze the position and bargaining power of the EU in different aspects of the WTO negotiations;  - to prepare the independent analysis of the EU regulation of trade in goods, services, and intellectual property rights. | | |
| 1. **Module Content** | | |
| **EU in the WTO.** The role of the European Commission in the trade policy development. Role of the EU in the international trading system.EU basic goals and negotiating positions.  **Trade in goods: positions of the EU.** Market access. Standards and technical barriers. State policy in standard development. Technical barriers. Sanitary and phytosanitary measures.  **Trade in agriculture: peculiarities in the EU.** Trade in agricultural products. Disciplines on domestic support. Market access provisions. Export subsidies. Implementation of the Uruguay Round reforms. Agriculture negotiations at Doha round.  **Trade remedies: positions of the EU.** Safeguards. Antidumping. Subsidy/Countervail.  **Trade in services: positions of the EU.** EU as an exporter and importer of services. Regulation in key services sectors.  **Intellectual property rights and trade: positions of the EU**. Understanding of intellectual property and tools for protecting intellectual property rights in the EU (patents, trademarks, copyrights and related rights, industrial designs, geographic indications: peculiarities in the EU).  **Trade and crosscutting issues in the EU.** Trade and investments. Trade and competition policy. Trade and environment.  **EU in the WTO trade disputes.** EU as a complainant. EU as a respondent. Key dispute cases. | | |
| 1. **Indicative Reading** | | |
| **Required readings**   * Gaines S.E., Olsen B.E., & Sorensen K. E. eds. (2014) *Liberalising trade in the EU and the WTO*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK. * Garcia R.B., Garmendia R. G. (2012) The EU as an actor at the WTO: its strengths and weaknesses throughout history, *Eastern Journal of European Studies*, Vol. 3, Issue 1. | | |
| **Optional readings**   * Braga C.A.P. & Hoekman B. (2016) *Future of the Global Trade Order*, European University Institute, Florence, Italy. * Lamy P. (2002) Stepping stones or stumbling blocks? The EU’s approach towards the problem of multilateralism vs regionalism in trade policy, *The World Economy*, Vol. 25, Issue 10. * *The future of the WTO and the international trading system: workshop* (2012), European Union. * Torrent R., Bogurina-Kovalkova O., Cuevas A. (2016) Revisiting the foundations of the global trade order from a 21st century perspective, *Vestnik of St. Petersburg University*, Vol. 5, Issue 1. * www.ec.europa.eu * www.wto.org | | |

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| 1. **Learning outcomes** |
| **Knowledge and understanding**. After studying this module students should be able to: |
| * Reveal tendencies of development of the EU in the framework of the international trading system; * Analyze the trade policy of the EU and its position in the WTO; * Understand main features of international regulation in trade in goods, services, and intellectual property rights from the EU perspective. |
| **Skills, qualities and attributes**. After studying this module students should be able to: |
| * Identify and critically analyze trade measures of the EU; * Discuss, compare and contrast the trade policy of the EU with ones of other WTO members; * Estimate and develop forecasts of the EU trade negotiations in the WTO; * Elaborate recommendations for developing trade policy and strategy of companies and public authorities towards the EU. |

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| 1. **Teaching and learning** |
| lectures, seminars, group presentations, in-class tasks and discussions, case studies, simulation game |
| **Total contact hours: 40** |
| pre-readings, preparation of presentations, home written assignments, reviews of published papers |
| **Total non-contact hours:** |

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| 1. **Assessment methods** | | |
| This indicates the type and weighting of assessment elements of the module | | |
| **Weighting** | **Type** | **Description** |
| 40% | In-class work | Participation in discussions, simulation game and presentations, in-class tasks, paper reviews, case studies |
| 60% | Final essay | Final writing examination with opened questions |
| **Diagnostic/formative assessment**  This indicates if there are any assessments that do not contribute directly to the final module | | |
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| **Further information on assessment**  This section provides further information on the module’s assessment where appropriate | | |
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