



CIVIS Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

Euro-African Trade and Investment Relations and the Polycrisis

Schedule of the seminar

Negotiating-simulation of an AU-EU Trade and Investment Agreement

Summer Term 2025

#	Date	Content	Teacher(s)
1	Virtual component 1* Thu., 06.03.2025 3.00-5.00 p.m.	Briefing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aim of the course, explanation of the rules: negotiating a trade agreement ▪ assigning countries and composition of the negotiating teams (EU/EUMS [eg FR, ES]/AU/ African states) ▪ EU Trade negotiations: legal aspects to consider <u>Homework:</u> Introduction of your country’s state of development, problems (economic, environmental, social), interests in the negotiations, fears	GZ/RP and other BIP project partners
2	Virtual component 2 Thu., 13.03.2025 3.00-5.00 p.m.	Introduction to the legal framework governing international trade and investment law: PIL, WTO, IIL, basic principles	GZ/RP and other BIP project partners
3	Virtual component 3 Thu., 20.03.2025 3.00-5.00 p.m.	Evolution of EU Trade and Investment Agreements over time EU: interests in concluding TIAs with African countries (Identification of colonial patterns?)	GZ/RP and other BIP project partners + Economist, political scientist
4	Virtual component 4 Thu., 27.03.2025 3.00-5.00 p.m.	How to draft a negotiation position: political, economic, social considerations and emergency needs (Polycrisis)	GZ/RP and other BIP project partners

* Meeting link for all sessions of the virtual component:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81393735396?pwd=RWY5NWJ1eXd4OUUxV3Jjc1d6ZnhLUT09>
 Meeting-ID: 813 9373 5396, Access Code 289757

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5	Virtual component 5 Thu., 03.04.2025 3.00-5.00 p.m.	Drafting elements of an agreement relevant for the polycrisis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How to address the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ trade liberalization ○ other policies ○ Trade and SD chapters ○ implementation and enforcement ○ institutionalization <p><u>Homework:</u> Written submissions with proposals until the meeting after next</p>	Andreas Ziegler
6	Virtual component 6 Thu., 10.04.2025 3.00-5.00 p.m.	Negotiation strategy	Dzeneta Karabegovic (PLUS) (tbc)
7	Virtual component 7 Thu., 08.05.2025 3.00-5.00 p.m.	Discussion of written submissions of lessons 1 and 5 and preparation of a draft to be negotiated	GZ/RP and other BIP project partners
8	Virtual component 8 Thu., 22.05.2025 3.00-5.00 p.m.	First virtual negotiation round	GZ/RP and other BIP project partners
9	Virtual component 9 Thu., 29.05.2025 3.00-5.00 p.m.	Second virtual negotiation round	GZ/RP and other BIP project partners
10	Physical component, Monday	<u>Forenoon:</u> Introduction to negotiations <u>Afternoon:</u> Time to prepare negotiations	GZ/RP and other BIP project partners
11	Physical component, Tuesday	<u>Forenoon:</u> First physical negotiation round <u>Afternoon:</u> Workshop: Aspects of singular crises/the polycrisis to be considered in EATIAs: climate, environmental degradation, women, indigenous peoples	GZ/RP and other BIP project partners

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12	Physical component, Wednesday	<u>Forenoon:</u> Second physical negotiation round <u>Afternoon:</u> “Trade negotiations in practice – 1” Commission of the European Union, DG Trade/ Legal Service	GZ/RP and other BIP project partners
13	Physical component, Thursday	<u>Forenoon:</u> Third physical negotiation round <u>Afternoon:</u> “Trade negotiations in practice – 2”: AU Representation in Brussels	GZ/RP and other BIP project partners
14	Physical component, Friday	<u>Forenoon:</u> Final physical negotiation round <u>Afternoon:</u> Debrief on negotiations	GZ/RP and other BIP project partners

Grading is based on the following factors:

- Written homeworks
- Oral presentations in class and class participation
- Participation in and oral and written contributions to the negotiations