



Call for Application for Adjunct Lecturer Environment, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG)

(Part of the course “ESG and International Investment Law”)

LL.M. in International Business Law
University of Brussels (Université Libre de Bruxelles – ULB)

Deadline : 21 September 2023

Appointment Description

Since 2016, the Faculty of Law of the University of Brussels (Université Libre de Bruxelles - ULB) has been offering a LL.M. program in International Business Law. The LL.M. is a full-time 60 ECTS advanced post graduate program based in Brussels and is taught entirely in English. It caters to motivated students from around the world. The philosophy of the LL.M. is to offer a rigorous, coherent and comprehensive program that covers all of the core subjects of international business law, with a strong emphasis on practical experience. The LL.M. welcomes approximately 30-40 students from at least 4 continents each year and is taught in small interactive groups. The details of the program can be found on www.brusselsllm.com.

We are currently looking to fill a vacancy for an Adjunct Lecturer to teach Environment, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG), as part of the course ESG and International Investment Law.

The course is co-taught by Professor Nicolas Angelet who covers the part of the course focused on Investment Law.

The appointed lecturer will have significant autonomy to develop the specific course curriculum. Broadly, the course is expected to cover the current International and European legal developments in environmental, social and governance initiatives. Students will be expected to explore the challenges and opportunities faced by policy makers, governments, companies, lawyers and citizens in tackling environmental and social problems and the complex issue of sustainable development. The course is meant to focus, from a legal perspective, on the redefinition of the role of government and business to address social and environmental challenges: 'positive obligations' of corporations to protect the environment and human rights.

Some of the topics/legislative initiatives to potentially discuss include:

- Sustainable corporate governance
- EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)
- The Taxonomy Regulation
- Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR)

- Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CS3D) and domestic due diligence regimes (e.g. France and Germany)
- ESG litigation risks – climate litigation and environmental liability, greenwashing, disclosure liability, parent company litigation, supply chain litigation, etc.
- Proposals for a green claims directive and for a directive on empowering consumers for the green transition
- Sector-specific ESG regulations:
 - Batteries
 - Industrial emissions
 - Deforestation (trade)
 - Product and packaging regulations (single-use; right to repair)
- Carbon pricing under the EU's Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)
- EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
- Green competition law
- Trade and ESG

The appointed lecturer is expected to coordinate with faculty members currently teaching related courses on company law and corporate governance, competition law, finance, trade, etc. to ensure that topics are appropriately allocated as between courses.

Candidates will preferably hold a Ph.D. in law and demonstrate outstanding teaching ability and specific competence in the relevant fields through professional experience and publications.

The position involves the teaching of 18 hours of class time (six classes of three hours) and supervision of LL.M. theses due in May. The class meets weekly for 12 weeks on Mondays from 15-18h at the ULB from February through May. The ESG part of the course will be offered in the first 6 lectures from approximately February to mid-March. Thesis supervision is ongoing throughout the academic year but requires more attention in the second term. The position does not involve a contract of employment with the University, rather academic work is carried out on an independent basis under terms to be agreed.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and academic curriculum vitae by 21 September 2023 to the LL.M. Academic Coordinator and Program Administrator at the following email address: brusselsllm@ulb.be.