

Seminar topics

All topics should include a chapter on Covid-19 related activities/considerations.

	Title	Description	MA	BA
1	From the Marshall Plan to the OECD	Historical developments after 1945		x
2	The OECD as an intergovernmental organisation	Mandate, legal basis, membership, organisational set-up, role of the Secretariat and the member states		x
3	How to join the Club: Membership in the OECD	De jure and de facto requirements. Example of the Republic of Korea and recent accessions	x	x
4	The OECD's engagement with non-member states	What are the different approaches for engaging with non-members? What is their legal basis?	x	x
5	Multistakeholder Diplomacy in the OECD	Stakeholders have institutional representations in the OECD: TUAC, BIAC and OECD Watch. How are they integrated in decision-making? What is the legal basis for their status? What are the legal challenges related to multistakeholder diplomacy and do you see room for improvement?	x	x
6	Decision-making in the OECD	How does decision-making work? What works and where do you see room for improvement (e.g. Consensus minus one rule)?	x	
7	The role of soft law in the OECD – toothless or effective?	Comparison of the different regulatory approaches applied in the OECD. Pros and cons.	x	
8	The OECD's relations with other international organisations and bodies	What are the different types of engagement? The special relationship with the G7/G20	x	x

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9	The OECD Anti-Bribery Convention	Features and scope of the Convention, monitoring mechanism, relationship to other instruments.	x	x
10	(Peer) reviews and surveillance: Effective approaches to monitoring compliance with OECD instruments?	What are the different approaches applied to monitor compliance with OECD Conventions and other instruments? How do they relate to national policies? What are the different roles of member states and the Secretariat in these processes?	x	x
11	The OECD's engagement in development policy	Mandate of the OECD; History of the Development Assistance Committee and its current role.	x	x
12	The OECD Principles of Corporate Governance – today and tomorrow	Analysis of the current Principles and critical assessment whether there is a need for revision/update	x	
13	The OECD Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises	Legal analysis of the Declaration and its four elements	x	x
14	OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and other instruments on Responsible Business Conduct – a Comparison	Comparison of the Guidelines with the UNGP, UN Global Compact and other instruments	x	x
15	OECD/G20 Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Project – an assessment from an international law perspective	What is the OECD's mandate regarding the international tax system? What is the legal basis for the Inclusive Framework and how does it work?	x	
16	The EU and the OECD	What is the status of the EU in the OECD and how does it contribute to OECD work?	x	x
17	The OECD and Gender Equality with a focus on the Recommendation on Gender Equality in Public life	What is the legal status of the Recommendation? How is it implemented? Are there features that you would consider unique?	x	x

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18	The failed Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI): Any lessons learnt?	In 1998, negotiations for a MAI were abandoned. What were the reasons and what lessons did the OECD learn (if any)?	x	x
19	The OECD's influence in the regulatory architecture after the Global Financial Crisis	Arguably, the OECD played an important role in re-setting the regulatory framework after the global financial crisis. Could any lessons be drawn for the post Covid-19 period?	x	
20	What role for the OECD in global economic regulation post Covid-19?	Are there distinct features that would allow the OECD to play a distinctive role in shaping the post Covid-19? Could soft law and governance based on research, peer reviews shape international regulation?	x	
21	The OECD National Contact Points as a unique grievance mechanism: Moving into the next decade	NCPs have been operating as a unique grievance mechanism for 20 years. What is your assessment of their effectiveness and how would you ensure that they remain fit for purpose in the next decade?		