# Public Economic Law (Master Year 1 / Fall)



Master in International and European Business Law / Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Law

### Introduction

Public economic law generally refers to the legal regimes applicable to public action in the economy. This course aims at investigating the State's and other public institutions' involvement in the economy both as business actors and as regulators. We will examine the various public and private law structures and instruments through which national and local authorities participates in business, both at the national and international level. We will also explore the main tools used by public authorities to regulate economic activities and channel business to achieve certain goals. This course will also serve as an introduction to other courses taught in the Master on International and European Business Law, such as competition law or international investment law. See further the table of contents below.

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Local and national institutions, European and international institutions

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Economic freedoms, equality of treatment, legal certainty

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Economic public sector, legal regime public enterprises, legal regime of market participation

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Procurement, public-private partnership, concessions

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French law regimes restricting access to an economic activity, foreign direct investment screening, restrictive measures

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Monopoly, special and exclusive rights, services of general economic interest, EU and French merger control

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Price control, free competition, sectorial regulations, horizontal and vertical agreements, cartels, abuse of dominance

Section 4. Regulation of Internal Market Support

State aids, private investor test, compatibility, temporary frameworks, EU and French judicial control

### **Duration**

1 semester

## **Teaching languages**

English

#### **Conditions of submission**

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Section 5. Regulation of External Market Support Foreign subsidies regulation, scrutiny power and procedure, articulation with WTO law

## **Objectives**

- Understanding the roles and forms of public institutions' intervention in the economy
- Acquire knowledge on the basic legal concepts of national, European and international public economic law
- Being able to critically assess public economic law norms and structures

## Admission

**Prerequisite** 

Prerequisites training

None.

# **Program**

#### **Methods of Instruction**

Before class: Readings

During class: Presentation of basic elements on each topic by the teacher and discussion in class.

#### **Assessment and Final Grade**

Oral participation in class: 25% Final written exam: 75%

## **Course Requirements**

For students of the Catholic Institute of Paris, to be enrolled in the Master on International and European Business Law Exchange students admitted by the Catholic University of Paris may also attend this course.

