

In the winter term 2014/2015 I will hold a seminar

**„Legal aspects of the EU Association Agreements with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in the context of the EU Eastern Partnership initiative“**

The seminar will take place in **English language** in Kiel on **19/20 December 2014** in the form of a students and PhD. candidates conference. Seminar papers can also be written in German. The seminar is supported by the **German Academic Exchange Service**. Participants of the seminar will firstly be students/PhD candidates from Belarus, Georgia, Moldavia and Ukraine, who have received a DAAD scholarship, but participation in the seminar is also open to other students (e.g. law, international relations, political science, economics, history) from Kiel or other universities. The seminar includes an optional excursion to Brussels and Luxemburg from **26 - 31 January 2015** with a visit of EU institutions and missions of Eastern Partnership countries with the EU.

*The following topics for seminar papers are available*

1. The EU's Eastern Partnership – legal structures
2. National EU accession strategies at the example of one EaP country (Georgia, Moldavia or Ukraine)
3. The development of the legal framework of cooperation between the EU and Georgia, Moldavia or Ukraine – from PCAs to AAs
4. Comparison of the PCA EU-Ukraine with the PCA EU-Russia
5. Comparison of the EU Association Agreements with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in the overview (Felicia Badalova)
6. Comparison of one AA (Georgia, Moldava or Ukraine ) with other EU Association Agreements, in particular with Turkey (Ala Otgon)
7. Action plans and country reports on the basis of the AAs of the three countries with the preceding action plans and country reports under the PCAs
8. General principles and political dialogue according to the three AAs (Georgia, Moldova or Ukraine) in comparison
9. The present inner conflicts situation in Georgie (Abkhazia, South Ossetia), Moldava (Transnistria) and Ukraine (Crimea, Eastern Ukraine) in the context of the AAs
10. Approximation of law as a general topic of the AAs of the three countries in comparison with the PCAs
11. DCFTAs in the context of the AAs of the three countries: overview, basic principles, comparison
12. DCFTAs in the context of the AAs of the three countries: rules on technical barriers
13. Comparison of the DCFTAs within the AAs with the EU Korea DCFTA, CETA and the planned TTIP
14. Economic and sectoral cooperation in the framework of the three AAs - overview and exemplary areas: e.g. company law, competition law, transport, consumer protection
15. Investment protection in the framework of the AAs
16. Mechanisms of dispute settlement in the AAs (e.g. arbitration and mediation)
17. Elements of freedom of movement o persons in the AAs
18. Rule of law as an element of the AAs in the context of the PCAs and concretisation at the example of one country (Georgia, Moldova or Ukraine)
19. The relevance of the jurisprudence of the ECHR and the ECJ for Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine
20. Cooperation in the area of Justice, Freedom and Security in the three AAs in the overview: comparison between the AAs and with EU law (Ludmila Negritu)
21. Jucicial cooperation in civil matters in the framework of the AAs, in particular with regard to mutual recognition and enforcement of court decisions
22. Rules on financial support of the three associated countries by the EU in the framework of the AAs and accompanying measures
23. Provisional application of the AAs
24. Legal aspects of the effects of the AAs of the three countries to their relations with Russia
25. Relation between the AAs and other public international law treaties, in particular with regard to regional cooperation in the post-soviet area.

A **preparatory meeting** (Vorbereitung) for the seminar will take place on Wednesday, **19 November 2014**, at **18 h c.t.** in the Institute of East European Law, OS 75 Geb.2, 2. Stock, statt.

Topics for seminar papers can be chosen at any time. **Deadline for applications: 30.11.2014**. For further questions please contact Mr. Nazar Panych, email: npanych@law.uni-kiel.de.