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Spring Semester 2019

Course in “International Law and Practice”
(Also cross-listed as “International Law and Political Relations”)

The course provides students with a survey of selected topics in public international law, private international law, and international organizations. Students will learn about practical applications and developments in both public and private international law and the role of international organizations in the development and enforcement of international law. The course will allow students to understand and appreciate practical and actual applications of international law norms in various contexts, including fundamental issues in transnational civil litigation. Students will also have exposure to comparative views of international law, including differing views on the development and application of international law norms. Students will also master some essential international legal research skills and increase their language proficiency in English.

Language of Instruction: English. Some primary source materials will also be available in English and Italian.

ECTS Credits: 6

Compulsory Attendance: Yes

Course Meeting Room, Dates, and Times

Aula XXIV - 3° piano Palazzo del Prete – Piazza Cesare Battisti 1 - Bari

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| 1. Monday, 18 Feb. 2019 | 11.50 to 13.25 |
| 2. Tuesday, 19 Feb. 2019 | 11.50 to 13.25 |
| 3. Wednesday, 27 Feb. 2019 | 13.30 to 15.00 |
| 4. Thursday, 28 Feb. 2019 | 11.50 to 13.25 |
| 5. Wednesday, 20 Mar. 2019 | 13.30 to 15.00 |
| 6. Thursday, 21 Mar. 2019 | 11.50 to 13.25 |
| 7. Wednesday, 27 Mar. 2019 | 13.30 to 15.00 |
| 8. Thursday, 28 Mar. 2019 | 11.50 to 13.25 |
| 9. Wednesday, 3 Apr. 2019 | 13.30 to 15.00 |
| 10. Thursday, 4 Apr. 2019 | 11.50 to 13.25 |
| 11. Wednesday, 17 Apr. 2019 | 13.30 to 15.00 |

12. Thursday, 18 Apr. 2019	11.50 to 13.25
13. Wednesday, 24 Apr. 2019	13.30 to 15.00
14. Thursday, 2 May 2019	11.50 to 13.25
15. Thursday, 9 May 2019	11.50 to 13.25
16. Wednesday, 15 May 2019	13.30 to 15.00
17. Thursday, 16 May 2019	11.50 to 13.25

Overview of Course Material

- I. Understanding the Nature and Sources of Public and Private International Law
- II. Rights, Duties, and Recognition of Nation-States
- III. International Courts and Tribunals
 - A. Binding Opinions in Contentious Cases
 - B. Advisory Opinions
 - C. International Criminal Courts
 - D. Regional and Specialized Courts
 - E. Survey of Recent Decisions from International Courts and Tribunals
 - F. International Advocacy Exercise
- IV. Treaties and Other International Agreements
 - A. Formation and Entry into Force
 - B. Treaty Interpretation
 - C. Effect of Treaties on Domestic Law
 - D. Invalid Treaties
 - E. Reservations, Understandings, and Declarations
 - F. Termination and Withdrawal
 - G. Succession
- V. Customary International Law
 - A. Formation of Customary International Law
 - B. Intersection of Treaties and Custom
 - C. Effect of Customary International Law on Individual States
 - D. Proving State Practice
 - E. Proving Legal Motivation (Opinio Juris)
 - F. Future Development of Customary International Law
- VI. International Legal Research
- VII. Understanding Different Types and Purposes of International Adjudication

- VIII. Private International Law: International Litigation
 - A. Jurisdiction
 - B. Formation of Private International Law Rules
 - C. Service of Process
 - D. Anti-Suit Injunctions
 - E. Evidence
 - F. Enforcing Judgments

- IX. Private International Law: Case Studies (Internet Defamation)

- X. Nationality
 - A. Nationality
 - B. Migration
 - C. Dual Nationality

- XI. International Organizations
 - A. Structure, Formation, and Purpose
 - B. Membership
 - C. Rulemaking Powers of International Organizations
 - D. Role of International Organizations in the Development and Enforcement of International Law

Bibliography

International court decisions, treaties and other international agreements, and other international law materials will be made available for free download.

Teaching Methods

The course will combine lecture with questions on reading assignments and interactive class exercises. Because of the mixture of lectures and classroom discussion, attendance is mandatory. PowerPoint materials used in the course will be made available to students.

Assessment Methods

Written exam. Intermediate tests in written form are scheduled.

Evaluation Criteria

The exam questions will test the students' mastery of the selected issues discussed in public international law, private international law, and international organizations.

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