Course: Public International Law and Contemporary World

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Course type: elective

ECTS: 12

Requirements for enrolment: (a) proficiency in English, and (b) the completion of the basic course in public international law at the previous level of university studies.

Course Description

This course aims at providing students with an in-depth understanding of public international law, both in respect its theory and practice. The course aspires to enhance students' grasp of the origins, nature and limits of international law and to prepare them to engage with contemporary challenges in the field. Additionally, it strives to strengthen critical and independent consideration of the application of international law in different settings. In that way, the course empowers students to recognise and tackle international law aspect of legal questions they might encounter for the purposes of their doctoral thesis research.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes include: (1) acquiring in-depth theoretical and practical knowledge of international law; (2) the ability to research, analyse and discuss different issues in international law, including those which relate to its contemporary challenges; (3) understanding of the interaction between international and national legal frameworks; and (4) the competence in recognising and confronting international law aspect of their doctoral research.

Topics:

- 16. International law in the diplomatic history
- 17. How To Approach International Law?
- 18. What is a Purpose of International Law?
- 19. What Type of Law?
- 20. The Notion of Sovereignty in International Law
- 21. Sources of International Law
- 22. The Nature of International Law
- 23. The Rule of International Law
- 24. Application of International Law in Domestic Legal Order
- 25. International Law and International Politics
- 26. International Courts
- 27. State Responsibility in the light of the Right to Life Case Study Makuchyan and Minasyan Case
- 28. International Huma Rights Law
- 29. International Law in the Digital Age Freedom of Expression Viral Misinformation and the Freedom of Expression
- 30. Ius ad bellum and ius ad bello in the Contemporary Context

Recommended Literature

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Number of classes	Teaching:	Practicum:			
5 (a week)	5	-			
Teaching Methods					

Interactive lectures, class discussion, case studies, individual research assignments and presentations, essays, practical exercises and consultations

Grading

A. Students' performance will be primarily graded on the basis of the final paper submitted at the end of the course.

B. In addition, students will write one reflection paper during the course of the semester.

C. Class participation will be taken into cosideration.

D. The final grade will be 65% final paper, 20% reflection paper, and 15% participation.