

International Public Law

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Course Description

This course will help you to gain a general understanding of basic principles of International (public) law. After establishing a firm grounding in the sources and techniques of public international law, including customary international law and the law of treaties, we will develop familiarity with such matters as sovereign immunity, acts of foreign states, extra-territorial jurisdiction. We will examine the role of international law in shaping behavior in areas of international conflicts, including maritime and environmental disputes, war crimes and the use of force. We will also build some appreciation of the role of the United Nations, particularly in peacekeeping and sanctions.

Lectures will be held in English.

Course Outline

1. International (Public) Law: Characteristics, History and Theory

Readings:

1. Peter Malanczuk , Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 1-34.
2. Malcom N. Shaw, International Law, 4th edition, Cambridge, University Cambridge Press, 1997, pp.1-12.
3. Additional materials

2. Sources

Readings:

1. Peter Malanczuk , Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 35-60.
2. Additional materials.

3. Treaties (Law of Treaties)

Readings:

1. Peter Malanczuk , Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 130-146.
2. Additional materials.

4. International law and municipal law (relation)

Readings:

1. Peter Malanczuk , Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 63-74.
2. Malcolm N. Shaw, International Law, 4th edition, Cambridge, University Cambridge Press, 1997, pp. 97-136.
3. Additional materials.

5. Subjects of international law

Readings:

1. Peter Malanczuk , Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 75-108.
2. Additional materials.

6. Recognition

Readings:

1. Malcom N. Shaw, International Law, 4th edition, Cambridge, University Cambridge Press, 1997, pp. 295-330.
2. Additional materials.

7. Territory, Succession

Readings:

1. Malcom N. Shaw, International Law, 4th edition, Cambridge, University Cambridge Press, 1997, pp. 331-368, 674-716.
2. Peter Malanczuk , Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 147-172.
3. Additional materials.

8. State responsibility

Readings:

1. Malcom N. Shaw, International Law, 4th edition, Cambridge, University Cambridge Press, 1997, pp. 541-584.
2. Peter Malanczuk , Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 254-272.
3. Additional materials.

9. Jurisdiction, Immunity from jurisdiction

Readings:

1. Peter Malanczuk , Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 109-129.

2. Additional materials.

10. The law of the sea, Air space and outer space

Readings:

1. Peter Malanczuk , Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 173-208.
2. Additional materials.

11. Economy, Environment

Readings:

1. Peter Malanczuk , Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 222-253.
2. Additional materials.

12. Peaceful settlement of disputes between states, Ius ad bellum

Readings:

1. Peter Malanczuk , Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 306-341.
2. Additional materials.

13. Ius in bello

Readings:

1. Peter Malanczuk, Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 342-363.
2. Additional materials.

14. The United Nations and peace and security

Readings:

1. Peter Malanczuk, Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 385-430.
2. Additional materials.

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Required Readings:

1. Peter Malanczuk , Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law", 7th rev. edition, London, Routledge, 1997
2. Malcom N. Shaw, International Law, 4th edition, Cambridge, University Cambridge Press, 1997

Further Readings:

1. Cassese A., International Law, 2nd edition, Oxford, University Press, 2005
2. Public International law – A Current Bibliography of Books and Articles, published regularly by the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heilderberg
3. L.Openheim, International Law. Treaties, 2nd edn, 1912
4. Louis-Jacques and Korman, Introduction to International Organizations, New York, Oceana Publications Inc., 1996

Additional readings will be recommended during the semester.