UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Organizzazione Internazionale

1819-4-A5810211

Learning objectives

By the end of this course, students should:

- better know and understand the nature and sources of the law of international organisations and have a critical understanding of its fundamental concepts;
- be able to identify and critically assess the implications of those concepts in the substantive exposition of various issues of contemporary international governance;
- demonstrate an in-depth understanding of various international legal instruments; and
- demonstrate cognisance of the interface between different aspects of the contemporary international order.

Contents

The course addresses the phenomenon of international organisations, as actors in international relations and promoters of international law. In particular, the course will examine international tribunals, whether they are created within an international organisation or whether they constitute an international organisation on their own, with a view towards evaluating their contribution to the maintenance of international peace and security and the development of international law.

Detailed program

Program for attending students only

The course will consist of three parts.

The first, general part, will address the common characteristics of international organisations, including legal personality, powers, membership, financing and responsibility.
The second part will dwell upon the role of international organisations in the peaceful settlement of international disputes. It will examine the principal international tribunals (International court of justice, International tribunal for the law of the sea, the WTO Dispute settlement body and the European court of human rights) as well as arbitral tribunals, the procedure in front of these courts and the relevance of their decisions for the peaceful settlement of disputes and the development of international law.

In the third and last part, the course will critically assess the phenomenon of international organisations, in light of the current challenges of the contemporary international order.

Program for non-attending students

The course will address international tribunals.

Prerequisites

Teaching methods

Traditional classes with room for in-class discussion

Assessment methods

oral exam

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Reference texts for attending students only

Readings and materials will be distributed during the seminars.

Reference texts for non-attending students

C. Focarelli, 'Giurisdizioni internazionali', CEDAM/Wolters Kluwer, 2017