UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

# COURSE SYLLABUS

## Public International Law

**1920-2-A5810007**

### Learning objectives

The course aims at providing the students with the knowledge and critical understanding of the main aspects of the system of international law in its historical evolution and present situation, with particular emphasis on the crucial question of the use of force and the maintenance of international peace and security.

### Contents

- Fundamental aspects, subjects and historical evolution of international law;

- Maintenance of international peace and security and the use of force;

- Treaties;

- Custom;

- International responsibility;

- International law and domestic law.

### Detailed program

The course, which is articulated according to the subjects indicated under the entry "contents", takes into consideration, first of all, the substantive aspects of international law, in particular whether it is today sufficiently developed to ensure the maintanance of international peace and sucurity through the United Nations system. The formal aspects of international law are subsequently taken into consideration, through the analaysis of the

categories of rules (treaties, custom, other categories), the consequences of wrongful acts (international responsibility) and the relationship between international law and Italian domestic law.

## Prerequisites

To address the part of the course relating to the relationship between international law and domestic law, the students should have passed the exam of constitutional law.

## Teaching methods

University classes, integrated by a series of optional lectures, entrusted to foreign or Italian experts, on some aspects of the course. The course is taught in Italian; the lectures may be in English or French.

## Assessment methods

The exam is oral, without partial proofs. To evaluate the exam the following factors are taken into account: knowledge of the matter; coherence and completeness of the exposition; correct use of legal terminology; capacity to express oneself in a understandable and synthetic way.

## Textbooks and Reading Materials

Scovazzi (ed.), Corso di diritto internazionale, vol. I, second edition, Milan, Giuffré Editore, 2014;

Scovazzi (ed.), Corso di diritto internazionale, vol. II, second edition, Milan, Giuffré Editore, 2014.