UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Public International Law - M-Z

2425-2-A5810007-MZ

Learning objectives

The course aims at providing a knowledge of the basic aspects of the international legal order. It intends to offer to students the legal skills for a critical understanding the dynamics governing the evolution of the international community.

Contents

The course deals with the general aspects of the international legal order and its evolution, by paying attention to the structural characters of the international community, to its subjects and actors, as well as to the basic aims to which international law is intended to respond (such as the maintenance of peace and security and the prohibition of the use of force, the protection of fundamental human rights, the repression of international crimes). The course considers the way in which the features of the international community and of its main players, i.e. States, may affect the procedures of international law-making, the settlement of international disputes and the implementation of responsibility in cases of violation of international law. In particular, the conclusion and effects of international treaties, the formation of customary international law, the general rules on international responsibility as well as the problem of implementation of international law in domestic legal orders will be explored.

Detailed program

The course will deal in particular with the following topics: 1) The basic features of the international legal order; 2) The key subjects and actors of the international community (States, International Organizations, Peoples and the principle of self-determination, Insurgents and National Liberation Movements, Individuals, the ONGs); 3) The sources of general international law: the formation of the custom and the general principles of international law; 4) International Treaties: their making, effect, interpretation, invalidity and extinction; 5)The relationship between

international law and domestic law; 6)The law governing international responsibility; 7) The means and methods for the settlement of international disputes; 8) The prohibition of the use of force and the maintenance of peace and security.

Prerequisites

Teaching methods

Taught Lectures

Assessment methods

Oral Exam

Textbooks and Reading Materials

T. Scovazzi (ed. by), Corso di diritto internazionale, Parte I, Terza edizione, Milano, Giuffré Editore, 2018. A fourth edition, 2024, is under way. If already commercially available, it is certainly to be preferred.

T. Scovazzi (ed. by), Corso di diritto internazionale, Parte II, Terza edizione, Milano, Giuffré Editore, 2022.

Sustainable Development Goals

PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS