

Cologne Global Study Program
Introduction to Public International Law and European Union Law

Summer term 2019
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Course outline

- I. Definitions and the sources of public international law (1 week)
- II. The legal basis of inter-state relations (1 week)
- III. The law of international organizations (1 week)
- IV. The United Nations and their special organizations (1 week)
- V. The legal order concerning international spaces: the High Seas and the Deep Seabed, the environment, air space and outer space (3 weeks)
- VI. The genesis of modern European legal systems: historical and economic factors (1 week)
- VII. Overview on the system of European Union Law: sources, institutions and principles (2 weeks)
- VIII. The role of European Union law for the legal systems in Member States: case studies of milestone judicial decisions of the European Court of Justice (1 week)
- IX. Presentations and discussion (1 week)

Date: Wed., 2:00 - 3:30pm

Location: tba

Brief description

The course will give an introduction to public international law and to European Union law. In its first part, by outlining the relevant legal basis, this course will provide insights into the legal mechanisms that govern inter-state relations and the role of international organizations for the international legal order. Part of the course will be

dedicated to the legal regime governing so-called areas beyond national sovereignty and international spaces – the environment, the High Seas and the Deep Seabed as well as airspace and outer space. In its second part, the institutional basis, the structure and the basic principles of European Union law will be presented. On the basis of case studies on milestone jurisprudence of the ECJ, the role of European Union Law for Member States will be explained.

The structure of the lessons is interactive, where active participation is both desired and expected.

During the course, every student will prepare a topic related to the program of the course of their choice and present the results orally (10 to 15 minutes). After the presentation, the topic at hand will be discussed among the class.

The course will be concluded with a short multiple choice exam.

Recommended literature

1. Books

- Malcolm D. Evans, *International Law*, 5th ed., Oxford University Press (2018)
- Malcolm N. Shaw, *International Law*, 8th ed., Cambridge University Press (2017)
- Paul Craig/Grainne de Burca, *EU Law: Text, Cases and Materials*, 6th ed., Oxford University Press (2015)
- Stephen Weatherhill, *Cases and Materials on EU Law*, 12th ed., Oxford University Press (2016)
- Antonio Padop-Schioppa, *A History of Law in Europe: From the Early Middle Ages to the Twentieth Century*, 1st. ed., Cambridge University Press (2017)

2. Websites

- The Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law (MPEPIL): <http://opil.ouplaw.com/home/EPIL> (free online access through the University Library of Cologne, <https://www.ub.uni-koeln.de/>)

