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Subject: Public International Law, 9 ECTS

Period: summer semester preferred, but both semesters available once agreed with the teacher

The field of International Law covers many aspects of the functioning of the international society (including the relations of States with each other and relations of States with international organizations, subjectivity in public international law, sources of public international law, the law of treaties, international dispute resolution, State's jurisdictional immunity).

Learning Outcomes

- introduce the basic concepts and terminology of public international law,
- introduce various theoretical perspectives on the formation and operation of the international legal system,
- introduce the sources in the field of international law with special regard to the custom and its role in public international law,
- introduce the law of treaties,
- introduce the interaction between the international legal system and the Polish legal system,
- introduce the methods of international dispute resolution,
- introduce the concept and the meaning of the jurisdictional immunity of the State,
- introduce the subjectivity in international law.

By the end of the course students should have:

- a good understanding of the basic principles and problems of public international law and of the role of the United Nations as well as other important international bodies in its formation and development,
- a good understanding of the meaning of the customary international law and the knowledge about some of its examples,
- a good understanding of the law of treaties, and the rules regulating the international dispute resolution and the use of force in international relations,

- a wide knowledge about State's jurisdictional immunity, its conception and problems regarding its implementation as well as the main judgments of different international courts in the matter.

Workload

Students will be collected in small groups for seminars and discussion session – regular lecture will not be provided. Students will generally need to devote about 20-30 hours on average per semester to this course. Forms of study: seminars, discussion sessions, case study.

Requisite and Incompatibility

General knowledge in the scope of lawmaking, principles of law, civil law, constitutional law and international relations.

Obligatory Reading

1. M. N. Shaw, *International Law*, Oxford 2006,
2. A. Aust, *Handbook of International Law*, Cambridge 2009,
3. A. D'Amato, *International Law Anthology*, Cincinnati 1994.

Additionally reading:

1. R. Wolfrum, V. Roben (eds.), *Legitimacy in International Law*, Berlin – Heidelberg – New York 2008,
2. J. L. Goldsmith, E. A. Posner, *The Limits of International Law*, Oxford 2005.

Preliminary Reading

The preliminary reading required for this course will be available from the course (teacher) home page at least one week prior to every meeting with the teacher. The preliminary reading covers United Nations Charter (1945), Vienna Convention of the Law of Treaties (1969), Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961), UN Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property (2004).

Examination

Students in small groups (2-3 persons) work on a task to solve “the problem” (which is legal situation of given subjects - States or others - of public international law described by the teacher).