

International Law

Academic year 2019-2020

International Environmental Law and Policy

DI098 - Autumn - 6 ECTS

Friday 14h15 - 18h00

Course Description

This course provides an advanced introduction to international environmental law and policy. It is based on three main components: (I) foundations and principles, (II) substantive regulation, and (iii) implementation techniques. It is intended for students with graduate level knowledge of international law or environmental governance. It focuses on the technical and practical aspects of international environmental law and policy. It is aimed to equip students wishing to work or to undertake research in this area with the necessary tools to understand the contemporary regulation of environmental problems.

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Syllabus

I. Foundations

1. Evolution of global environmental governance (1960-2020) [27.09]
2. Principles expressing the idea of prevention [27.09 / 04.10]
3. Principles and concepts expressing the idea of balance [04.10]

II. Substantive regulation

4. The hydrosphere (the marine environment and freshwater resources) [18.10]
5. The atmosphere (transboundary air pollution, ozone depletion, climate change) [01.11]
6. The biosphere (species, spaces and biodiversity) [15.11]
7. Dangerous substances and activities (chemicals, pesticides, heavy metals, plastic, waste) [15.11]

III. Implementation

8. International adjudication of environmental disputes [29.11]
9. Responsibility and liability [29.11]
10. Facilitation and management of non-compliance [29.11]
11. International environmental law as a perspective (interactions with human rights, humanitarian law, trade law, and foreign investment law). [13.12]
12. Examination [tbd]