International Law
Academic year 2019-2020

International Criminal Law
DI122 - Autumn - 6 ECTS
Wednesday 10h15 - 12h00

Course Description

This course will provide an overview of the contemporary international criminal law regime. After examining the pluralistic dimension of this body of law and issues related to the principle of legality in criminal matters, the course will focus on the definition of each so-called international crime (war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and aggression) and on key controversial issues surrounding the international definition of these crimes. The course will also discuss the question of the international definition of other selected international crimes, namely torture, enforced disappearance and terrorism.

The readings for the course will be available on the moodle platform.

Syllabus

The course will cover the following topics:

Class 1 and 2
The birth of international criminal law, its sources and its ‘fragmented’ nature

Class 3 and 4
The role of national and international courts in the repression of international crimes

Class 5 and 6
Genocide and its constitutive elements, with a focus on genocidal intent and policy

Class 7 and 8
Crimes against humanity and their contextual elements

Class 9 and 10
War crimes and their relationship with the laws of armed conflict

Class 11
The crime of aggression and its relationship with jus ad bellum

Class 12 and 13
Other selected international crimes: torture, enforced disappearance and terrorism

*Class 14*

Exam