

## 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.

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## 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