

## International Law

Academic year 2019-2020

### Compliance with International Law: Theories and Mechanisms

DI128 - Autumn - 6 ECTS

Monday 12h15 - 14h00

### Course Description

Although international law lacks centrally organized coercive enforcement mechanisms, it is generally assumed that international law is largely complied with. Why this is so is, however, less straightforward. This course will critically examine the main theories of compliance that have been offered in the literature and closely study the mechanisms of compliance available in international law. The ultimate objective is to problematize and refine the very notion of compliance with international law and reflect on its relevance as an indicator of the impact of international law in international affairs.

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## Syllabus

### ASSESSMENT

Assessment for this course will be based on an individual research paper (75 %) and the performance of each student as discussant for a research paper presented by another student (25 %). Topics on offer will be distributed prior to the second session. Students should come to the second session prepared to choose a topic for their research paper among those that are on offer or suggest a topic relating to one of the broad themes of the seminar. Before the third session each student should choose a research paper for which they will serve as discussant. More information about the requirements regarding the structure and content of the research papers and the role of discussants will be provided during the introductory session.

While class participation is wholeheartedly encouraged, it is not part of the grading. However, I am enough of an idealist to believe that grades are not the only driving factor for students. By taking the pressure of grading out of the equation, I expect that everyone will feel encouraged to participate in class discussions and contribute to making the seminar a success.

## **SESSIONS**

<b>1. Unpacking the Concept of Compliance in International Law</b>	<b>23 September</b>
<b>2. Transnational Legal Processes</b>	<b>30 September</b>
<b>3. Legitimacy as a Compliance Pull</b>	<b>7 October</b>
<b>4. Reputation</b>	<b>14 October</b>
<b>5. Reciprocity</b>	<b>21 October</b>
<b>6. Retaliation</b>	<b>28 October</b>
<b>7. Socialization as a Compliance Promoting Tool</b>	<b>4 November</b>
<b>8. The Domestic Constituency Mechanism</b>	<b>11 November</b>
<b>9. Self-Reporting Mechanisms: The Case of Human Rights Treaties</b>	<b>18 November</b>
<b>10. Presentations</b>	<b>25 November</b>
<b>11. Presentations</b>	<b>2 December</b>
<b>12. Presentations</b>	<b>9 December</b>
<b>13. Presentations</b>	<b>16 December</b>