Title:	Public International Law
Lecture hours:	30
Study period: (summer/winter)	winter semester
Number of credits:	5
Assessment methods:	Attendance at the course, active participation (analysis of judgments of international courts), final exam.
Language of instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	Knowledge of basic legal concepts would facilitate the understanding of the material, however it is not an indispensable condition for attendance at the course.
Course content:	The course aims to present a panorama of public international law, which covers principles and rules that govern the relations between States and their interactions with other international actors, in particular international organisations. Special emphasis is placed on the interplay between law, power and politics as well as modern challenges and conflicts (e.g. challenges associated with combatting terrorism, North-South conflicts, climate change or controversies related to the use of military force). This interdisciplinary dimension renders the course useful for students of both juridical and political sciences The course will start with an introduction to the international legal order, including a presentation of the specificities of international law as compared to domestic law. It will then focus on core areas of public international law which involve the following issues: sources of international law subjects of international law, including the place of the individual the concept of sovereignty and jurisdiction self-determination of peoples and territory in international law the international obligations of states (treaties and state responsibility the United Nations and the UN Charter human rights protection under international law peaceful settlement of disputes diplomatic and consular law
Learning outcomes:	After completing the course students are supposed to discern and discuss the role of international law in modern international political relations. Furthermore, they are also supposed to be familiar with basic principles and rules governing the relationships between subjects of international law, which should enable them to examine and interpret the current international affairs, conflicts and crises in their legal dimension.
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Literature:	<ul> <li>M. Evans (ed.), International Law, Oxford University Press, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2008</li> <li>W. Mansell, K. Openshaw, International Law. A Critical Introduction, Oxford 2013.</li> <li>A. Kaczorowska, Public International Law, London 2010, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.</li> <li>M.N. Shaw, International Law, Cambridge 2017, 8<sup>th</sup> ed. (selected chapters).</li> <li>Students may also consult <u>www.icj-cij.org</u> to access full texts of the judgments and advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice, as well as <u>www.un.org/documents</u> for any official documents of the United Nations.</li> </ul>