

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW WORKING GROUP



Instructor in charge:

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The Public International Law Working Group aims to bring together motivated students who wish to deepen their understanding of contemporary issues in international law through critical discussion and collaborative inquiry. The working group will explore foundational concepts of public international law and current debates shaping today's international legal order, including the evolution of state consent and the UN system, contested claims of statehood, use of force and collective security, migration governance and externalisation policies, environmental responsibility, and the challenges posed by digital technologies and artificial intelligence. By engaging with case studies, recent jurisprudence, and scholarly commentary, participants will strengthen their analytical skills and develop a more nuanced understanding of how international law operates in a rapidly changing global landscape.

Content

Week 1:

Unpacking the Public International Law (PIL): Public – International – Law

Week 2:

PIL at a Crossroad: Revisiting the State Consent, the UN Charter and the 2024 UN Pact

Week 3:

Contemporary Claims of Statehood and the Role of Recognition

Week 4:

Use of Force and Collective Security after Ukraine and Gaza

Week 5:

Protecting Borders and Externalisation of Migration Management - Pushbacks, EU Externalisation, and Deals with the Third Countries

Week 6:

The Law of State Responsibility and Environmental Protection: Principles and Challenges

Week 7:

Digital Technologies, AI, and International Law

Requirements for Students

- Students are required to read each session's material before the meeting (detailed reading material will be shared with the students)

- Each student is required to present on an assigned reading briefly for 15minutes in each session.
- Students are expected to take part in role play activity based on fictional case scenarios.

Conditions for Applying

- Applicants must have advanced level of written and spoken English.
- Applicants must have successfully completed LAW303 (Public International Law) course prior to the start of the working group.
- Applicants must submit their CV and a motivation letter explaining why they would like to participate in this working group and how they could contribute to the working group activities. The motivation letter should be no longer than 400words.