



Master Law and Politics of International Security

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam - Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid - M Law and Politics of Int. Security - 2014-2015

The Master's degree programme has a study load of 60 credits, 1 academic year.

The 2014-2015 academic programme consists of:

- 4 compulsory courses (30 EC)
- 2 optional courses (12 EC, choose two courses from the list of optional courses)
- Master's thesis (18 EC)

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M LPIS - Compulsory Courses

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International Humanitarian Law	Periode 2+3	6.0	R_Int.hum.l
Security Studies	Periode 2+3	6.0	R_SecStud
The Changing Nature of War: Legal and Political Perspectives	Periode 1	12.0	R_Cha.n.o.w.
The Politics of International Law	Periode 4	6.0	R_PollL

Master's programme Law and Politics of International Security- Extracurricular

Vakken:

Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
Capita Selecta Law and Politics of International Security	Ac. Jaar (september)	6.0	R_CSLPIS3
Research Seminar International Crimes: leadership analysis in international criminal investigations	Periode 3	3.0	R_Res.sem.ic

M LPIS - Optional Courses

Vakken:

Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
Corporations and International Crimes	Periode 4	6.0	R_CorIC
Expert Course	Periode 2	3.0	R_ExpCo
Human Rights Protection in Europe	Periode 4	6.0	R_Hum.ri.pro
International Criminal Courts and Tribunals	Periode 2	6.0	R_Int.cr.c.t
International Law Clinic	Periode 1+2+3+4+5	6.0	R_IntLClin
Perpetrators and Bystanders	Periode 4	6.0	R_Perp.bysta

Philosophy of International Law	Periode 5	6.0	R_Phil.int.I
Political and Policy Research: Philosophy and Design	Periode 3	6.0	S_PPRPD
Public International Law	Periode 1	6.0	R_Pub.int.I
Public International Law, Selected Topics	Periode 4	6.0	R_Pub.i.l.st
Selected Issues: International Security	Periode 2	6.0	S_SIIS
Selected Issues: Transnational Political Economy	Periode 2	6.0	S_SITPE
Seminar Human Rights: Restitution of cultural objects in post-conflict contexts.	Periode 5	6.0	R_SHR
The Politics of International Criminal Justice	Periode 4	6.0	R_TPoiCJ
Theoretical Orientation on Human Security part 1	Periode 1	6.0	S_TOHS1
Theories and Approaches in International Relations	Periode 1	6.0	S_TAIR

Capita Selecta Law and Politics of International Security

Vakcode	R_CSLPIS3 ()
Periode	Ac. Jaar (september)
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	G.M. Gordon
Examinator	G.M. Gordon
Niveau	400

Doel vak

Unfortunately, there's no course discription available.

Inhoud vak

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Overige informatie

For more information contact the coördinator of the course.

Corporations and International Crimes

Vakcode	R_CorIC ()
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels

Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	A. van Baar MSc
Examinator	A. van Baar MSc
Lesmethode(n)	Werkgroep, Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

The course corporations and international crimes deals with the involvement of corporations in international crimes and other gross human rights violations. While using a criminological approach we also use insights, knowledge and theories from various disciplines including history, social psychology, organizational sciences, business ethics and political science. Moreover, multiple areas of law are relevant including public international law, human rights law and international and national criminal law. Because the participants in the course have various backgrounds (they are lawyers, political scientists, psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists and, obviously, criminologists) and because the subject is interdisciplinary by nature, students are encouraged to critically assess the existing viewpoints as well as to bridge the gaps between disciplines (most notably law and social sciences). Moreover, not a lot of research about this subject, encouraging students to ! develop their own, critical and creative ideas regarding the subject, the different approaches and the available theories. For the final assignment they have to write an individual research paper on a topic they choose themselves.

Inhoud vak

- Corporate crime
- White collar crime
- International crimes (genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes)
- Corporate Social Responsibility,
- Business ethics
- Totalitarian/authoritarian regimes and the role of business
- International conflict and the role of business
- Non-international conflict and the role of business
- Private military/security firms
- The relation between conflict and extractive industries

Toetsvorm

Paper

Literatuur

The literature consists of a selection of articles and reports including Wim Huisman's Business as Usual (<http://www.bju.nl/juridisch/catalogus/business-as-usual-1>).

Overige informatie

OBJECTIVES

Degree programme objectives Law and Politics of International Security

Final Attainment Levels

- The nature and development of contemporary armed conflicts;
- The difficulties involved in the application of 'traditional' legal and political science concepts to contemporary armed conflicts.

Being capable of:

- Independently apply research methods and interpret results;
- Independently set up, carry out and report the result of research projects;
- Critically reflect on research results and relating those results to theoretical debates within the selected domains.

Show evidence of:

- The student graduating with a Master's degree will have a critical, creative and innovative attitude with regard to:
 - The way in which problems in the area of international conflict and security are framed in academic, legal and policy debates;
- The existing legal framework in the field of international conflict and security;
- Existing policy solutions in the field of international conflict and security;
- Academic research as well as research results.

Degree programme objectives International Crimes and Criminology
Final Attainment Levels

- Knowledge of and insight into:
 - Recent approaches, theories and insights from various disciplines in international crimes;
 - Legal issues concerning international crimes.

Being capable of:

- Identifying and applying theoretical approaches from various disciplines;
- Applying research methods and interpret results;
- Independently setting up, carrying out and reporting the results of an interdisciplinary research project;
- Critical reflection on research results and relating those results to theoretical debates within the selected domain.

Show evidence of:

- An independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge;
- An investigative, original and creative attitude with regard to existing issues and solutions;
- Critical, analytical and normative reflection on academic research and on research result.

Expert Course

Vakcode	R_ExpCo ()
Periode	Periode 2
Credits	3.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	J.A.M. Stuijbergen
Examinator	J.A.M. Stuijbergen
Docent(en)	J.A.M. Stuijbergen
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege, Werkcollege
Niveau	600

Doel vak

The degree programme aims to achieve the following:

- to prepare the student to practice professionally as analysts, researchers and experts in the field of international crimes and other gross human rights violations;
 - to teach the student specialized knowledge, skills and understanding in the field of international crimes and other gross human rights violations;
- and
- to prepare the student for academic work in the field of international crimes and other gross human rights violations.

2. The degree programme also promotes the academic education of the student, in particular with reference to:

- independent, academic thought processes and performance;
- communicating at an academic level;
- applying specialist academic knowledge in a wider social context.

3. The degree programme focuses attention on the student's personal development, promotes his or her awareness of social responsibility and develops skills of expression.

Inhoud vak

Topics in the field of international crimes.

Toetsvorm

Will be announced later.

Literatuur

Will be announced later.

Overige informatie

An expert in the field of International Crimes and Criminology will teach this course.

OBJECTIVES

Knowledge of and insight into:

- Recent approaches, theories and insights from various disciplines in international crimes;
- Quantitative and qualitative research methodology;
- Legal issues concerning international crimes.

Being capable of:

- Identifying and applying theoretical approaches from various disciplines;
- Applying research methods and interpret results;
- Critical reflection on research results and relating those results to theoretical debates within the selected domain.

Show evidence of:

- An independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge;
- An investigative, original and creative attitude with regard to existing issues and solutions;
- Critical, analytical and normative reflection on academic research and on research result.

Human Rights Protection in Europe

Vakcode	R_Hum.ri.pro (200933)
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	mr. M. Kuijer
Examinator	mr. H.M. van Stein Callenfels
Docent(en)	mr. M. Kuijer
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	400

Doel vak

This course deals with human rights law in Europe, both institutionally as well as substantially. The main focus is on the ECHR and its significance in European society for various areas of law (criminal law, administrative law and family/private law). The course also highlights the development of human rights law within the European Union.

Inhoud vak

The course will deal with the historic development of the ECHR and its implementation into domestic legal orders, with procedural aspects before the European Court of Human Rights, with general doctrine and interpretation methods developed in the Strasbourg case-law, with the most important case-law of the Court in respect of Articles 2 (right to life), 3 (prohibition of torture), 5 (right to liberty), 6 (right to a fair trial), 8 (privacy and family life), 9 (freedom of religion), 10 (freedom of expression), 11 (freedom of assembly) ECHR.

Toetsvorm

Written exam

Literatuur

A collection of academic articles from law journals, handouts of the lectures and specified judgments of the EctHR.

Overige informatie

Remark: Students may either take the course 'Human Rights Protection in Europe' or the course 'Mensenrechten en Strafrecht'.

OBJECTIVES

Knowledge of and insight into:

- Recent approaches, theories and insights from various disciplines in international crimes;
- Legal issues concerning international crimes.

Being capable of:

- Identifying and applying theoretical approaches from various disciplines;

Show evidence of:

- An independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge;

The following course objectives are only available in Dutch:

De afgestudeerde master beschikt over een academisch werk- en denkniveau;

- heeft diepgaande en specialistische kennis van en inzicht in minimaal één deelgebied van het recht
- heeft inzicht in de samenhang tussen verschillende onderdelen van het recht, met inbegrip van het nationale en internationale recht

De afgestudeerde master beschikt over de volgende (juridische) vaardigheden:

Analytische vaardigheden:

- de juridische en maatschappelijke aspecten van een vraagstuk in hun onderlinge samenhang beoordelen en daarover kritisch nadenken/oordelen zich inzicht verschaffen in de problemen die zich bij rechtsvorming op het gekozen deelgebied voordoen en een bijdrage leveren aan oplossing daarvan
- een probleem vanuit verschillende deelgebieden op een integratieve manier benaderen
- literatuur en juridische bronnen diepgaand analyseren en interpreteren en kritisch beschouwen (waar relevant ook in de Engelse taal, waar relevant ook op nieuwe rechtsgebieden)
- rechtsregels afleiden uit concrete gevallen (inductie)

Probleemoplossende vaardigheden:

- complexe juridische problemen onderkennen, analyseren en oplossen

Onderzoeks- en presentatievaardigheden:

- met argumenten onderbouwde mening formuleren over een complex juridisch probleem of een nieuwe ontwikkeling

International Criminal Courts and Tribunals

Vakcode	R_Int.cr.c.t (200904)
Periode	Periode 2
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	M. Cupido LLM
Examinator	M. Cupido LLM
Docent(en)	prof. mr. E. van Sliedregt, E.G. Fry, M. Cupido LLM, S.V. Vasiliev
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege, Werkgroep
Niveau	400

Doel vak

The objective of this course is to provide students with knowledge and understanding of both the substantive and procedural aspects of international criminal law. At the end of the course students will have learnt about legal issues that lie at the heart of the international criminal justice system. They will also have insights into the (practical) challenges faced by international criminal courts and will be able to critically assess the manner in which the courts have

approached these challenges. Moreover, by combining a theoretical, comparative approach with a problem-based method this course also provides students with a better understanding of their own national criminal justice system.

Inhoud vak

1. History of international criminal justice;
2. Institutional structure of the ad hoc Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and Rwanda (ICTR), the International Criminal Court (ICC), and the "mixed Tribunals";
3. Nature and sources of international criminal law;
4. Jurisdiction and prosecution of international crimes in national law;
5. Concurrence of jurisdiction between national states and international criminal courts and tribunals (primacy versus complementarity), and the relationship between the tribunals and the UN;
6. Arrest and surrender, illegal rendition, abuse of process;
7. Substantive law: elements of crimes, responsibility of the (military and civil) superiors (superior responsibility), complicity and Joint Criminal Enterprise, grounds for excluding liability;
8. International criminal procedure: origin, development, and general features;
9. Fair trial principles in international criminal proceedings;
10. Evidentiary rules, truth-finding and fact-finding impediments;
11. Actors in international criminal procedure: judges, prosecutors, defence and victims.

Toetsvorm

Written exam

Literatuur

R. Cryer et al., An Introduction to International Criminal Law and Procedure (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010/4)

Overige informatie

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Eindtermen master Rechtsgeleerdheid

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Analytische vaardigheden:

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- een probleem vanuit verschillende deelgebieden op een integratieve manier benaderen
- literatuur en juridische bronnen diepgaand analyseren en interpreteren en kritisch beschouwen (waar relevant ook in de Engelse taal, waar

relevant ook op nieuwe rechtsgebieden)

Probleemoplossende vaardigheden:

- complexe casus diepgaand analyseren en interpreteren en zelfstandig juridische oplossingen aandragen
- complexe juridische problemen onderkennen, analyseren en oplossen

Onderzoeks- en presentatievaardigheden:

- schriftelijk presenteren van een wetenschappelijk juridisch betoog met argumenten onderbouwde mening formuleren over een complex juridisch probleem of een nieuwe ontwikkeling
- actief deelnemen aan een wetenschappelijk debat op het deelgebied dat het masterprogramma beslaat

Degree programme objectives Law and Politics of International Security

The student graduating with a Master's degree will have the following knowledge and understanding:

- International conflict and security law, including jus ad bellum, jus in bello and jus post bellum;

Show evidence of:

- The existing legal framework in the field of international conflict and security;

Degree programme objectives International Crimes and Criminology

Knowledge of and insight into:

- Recent approaches, theories and insights from various disciplines in international crimes;
- Legal issues concerning international crimes.

Being capable of:

- Identifying and applying theoretical approaches from various disciplines;

Show evidence of:

- An independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge;
- An investigative, original and creative attitude with regard to existing issues and solutions;
- Critical, analytical and normative reflection on academic research and on research result.

International Humanitarian Law

Vakcode	R_Int.hum.l ()
Periode	Periode 2+3
Credits	6.0
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	G.M. Gordon
Examinator	prof. dr. W.G. Werner
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

On successful completion of the module students will be able:

1. to demonstrate deep and systematic understanding of humanitarian law within the framework of international law;
2. to apply humanitarian law to address the protection of combatants and non-combatants in situations of both internal and international armed conflicts;
3. to critically analyze key concepts of humanitarian law, including prisoners of war, protected persons, war crimes, neutrality, belligerent occupation;
4. to define and critically assess the role of the United Nations, individual States and non-governmental organizations, particularly the International Committee of the Red Cross, in the development and implementation of humanitarian norms;
5. to critically assess the role and function of international criminal tribunals and domestic courts in applying and developing the relevant law.

Inhoud vak

The course provides a systematic treatment of the basic rules and principles of international humanitarian law.

It examines the practice and law related to international humanitarian law and in particular the qualification of conflicts, the distinction between combatants and non combatants, the methods and means of warfare, the protection of civilians and prisoners of war, the law of neutrality and war crimes.

It also considers current problems in international humanitarian law, including the challenges pose by new form of conflicts and violence, the interplay between international humanitarian law and human rights law, the regulation of private military companies.

Onderwijsvorm

The module will be delivered through lectures. Students are expected to read beforehand the required materials beforehand and to actively participate in the discussion. Students are also invited to make a 10-minute informal presentation starting with week 2.

Lectures:

1. Nature and scope of IHL;
2. Sources of IHL;
3. Qualification of armed conflicts;
4. Combatants and non-combatants;
5. Persons hors de combat and prisoners of war;
6. Conduct of hostilities I;
7. Conduct of hostilities II;
8. Law of occupation;
9. Implementation of IHL;
10. Private military companies;
11. Case study: Eritrea – Ethiopia Claims Commission;
12. Case study: Eritrea – Ethiopia Claims Commission.

The course will be completed by a role play exercise.

Toetsvorm

The course will be assessed by:

- A paper.

Literatuur

Required materials:

- D. Fleck (ed.), The Handbook of International Humanitarian Law, 2nd

ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009; or
 - R. Kolb, R. Hyde, An Introduction to the International Law of Armed Conflicts, Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2008.
 - Literature, documents and cases indicated in the reading list for each lecture, which will be available on Blackboard.

Recommended materials:

- L. Green, Contemporary Law of Armed Conflict, Manchester University Press, 2000.
- F. Kalshoven, L. Zegveld, Constraints on the waging of war, ICRC, Geneva, 2001 (available at www.icrc.org).
- Y. Dinstein, The Conduct of Hostilities under the Law of International Armed Conflict, 2nd ed. Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- M. Sassoli, A. Bouvier, How Does Law Protect in War, Geneva, ICRC, Second edition, 2006.

International Law Clinic

Vakcode	R_IntLClin ()
Periode	Periode 1+2+3+4+5
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	mr. A.M. de Hoon
Examinator	mr. A.M. de Hoon
Niveau	500

Doel vak

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: This is study guide information of the 2013-2014 academic year. Parts of the information may therefore be outdated.

The objective of the International Law Clinic is to enable students to conduct legal and policy research for clients in conflict and post-conflict situations. Students thereby acquire advanced knowledge of selected topics of international and comparative law, legal research and writing skills, as well as professional development as an international lawyer.

Inhoud vak

International Law Clinic provides students the opportunity to conduct legal research for governments and non-state actors' leaderships in conflict or post-conflict situations. Topics include domestic prosecution of international crimes, the settlement of international disputes, rule of law development, the protection of human rights, and transitional justice.

Onderwijsvorm

Team meetings with clinical staff and participants to discuss new and progress on assignments, as well as developments in (conflict) situations of clients; Individual tutorials.

Students are obliged to attend the meeting with entire clinic staff and participants that takes place once every two weeks. In addition they are obliged to meet in between those meetings on an individual basis with supervisors and/or peers to discuss work progress whenever needed.

Students commit to participate in the International Law Clinic for the full Academic Year. They commit to an average of approximately 12-16 hours per week throughout this period. All participants of the International Law Clinic need to sign a Confidentiality Agreement. Each year, a maximum of 10 students may be accepted to participate in the International Law Clinic. The Clinic continues throughout the academic year. Students that want to apply for the clinic need to have a basic understanding of public international law, good research and writing skills, and an excellent knowledge of English. To apply, students need to send a CV, cover letter and list of grades to the course coordinator.

Toetsvorm

Students are assessed based on several written assignments throughout the year, their team work, and their professional conduct.

Literatuur

Depends on the assignment.

Overige informatie

To apply, students need to send a CV, cover letter and list of grades to the course coordinator. When you're not a Master student from the faculty of Law at the VU, you are required to have a registration for subsidiary Master courses (bijvakregistratie).

Perpetrators and Bystanders

Vakcode	R_Perp.bysta (200980)
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	mr. B. Hola
Examinator	mr. B. Hola
Docent(en)	mr. B. Hola, dr. J. van Wijk
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege, Leergroep
Niveau	500

Doel vak

This course is mandatory for the students in the International Crimes and Criminology master and an optional course for several other masters (e.g. Criminology, Law and Politics of International Security). The course deals with the perpetrators and bystanders of the most horrendous crimes like genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. It tries to seek explanations for their involvement in, or passiveness when witnessing, these atrocities. In doing so it has an interdisciplinary nature but with an emphasis on socio-psychology.

By the end of the course students should have the following knowledge:

- 1) Students should be able to describe and explain selected socio-psychological theories and evaluate their relevance in a situation of international crimes or other gross human rights violations.
- 2) Students should be able to apply the theories to various situations and case studies involving international crimes and other gross human rights violations.

3) Students should be able to analyse the aetiology of international crimes by examining its perpetrators and bystanders through a sound academic argumentation.

Inhoud vak

The 'perpetrator part' of the course will address questions such as who the perpetrators of international crimes are and why they commit international crimes. We will discuss and debate the thesis that the perpetrators are merely ordinary people who commit their crimes because they find themselves in extraordinary circumstances. We will delve into various socio-psychological mechanisms and assess their importance in situations when international crimes are committed. Students will get acquainted with various classic socio-psychological experiments such as the Milgram obedience experiment, the Stanford prison experiment and the Asch's conformity experiment and discuss their implications. Since international crimes are often perpetrated by militarized units we will also touch upon military culture, training and its effects on individuals. The ordinary military education and training will be contrasted to much more brutal and demanding torture training and ! the example of Greek Torture School will be discussed. We will discuss whether situational factors (extraordinary circumstances) can turn ordinary people into perpetrators of international crimes and why it is so difficult to keep hold of your own moral values within a repressive and powerful environment. We will conclude with discussing the relevance of the collective character of international crimes and question how to prevent or react to such crimes. Is the currently prevalent criminal law reaction ideal?

The 'bystander part' of the course will concentrate on those who witness international crimes and GHRV. Who are these bystanders and what is their role? Can bystanders prevent or terminate international crimes and GHRV if they take an action? In the literature bystanders are sometimes characterized as neutral onlookers - individuals, groups and states who are not involved in crime but passively stand-by. Are they really neutral? Can one actually be neutral? Is their passivity not to be interpreted as a tacit approval and even encouragement to perpetrators? In these sessions we will discuss theories that have been developed to explain behaviour of bystanders of ordinary crimes such as the 'just-world theory' and the 'bystander effect'. We will assess to what extent these concepts are also applicable to international crimes. We will discuss the tragic fate of Kitty Genovese and discuss the bystander effect on multiple levels of analysis including ! the individual and state level. A special session will be dedicated to refusers, rescuers and helpers - the individuals who actually overstepped the passivity impasse and acted either against their direct superiors, i.e. soldiers who refuse to obey an illegal order to commit a crime, or those who help victims of international crimes. We will touch upon the motivations of such altruistic behaviour. Are the motivations of helpers always praiseworthy?

Toetsvorm

Paper

Literatuur

Alette Smeulders and Fred Grunfeld: International Crimes and Other Gross Human Rights Violations, A Multi- and Interdisciplinary Textbook, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2011

Online articles and texts

Reader

Overige informatie

MAXIMUM OF PARTICIPANTS

A maximum of 50 students may attend this course.

Master degree students ICC have priority.

OBJECTIVES

Knowledge of and insight into:

- Recent approaches, theories and insights from various disciplines in international crimes;

Being capable of:

-Identifying and applying theoretical approaches from various disciplines;

Show evidence of:

-An independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge;

-Critical, analytical and normative reflection on academic research and on research result.

Philosophy of International Law

Vakcode	R_Phil.int.I (200988)
Periode	Periode 5
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. mr. L.D.A. Corrias
Examinator	dr. mr. L.D.A. Corrias
Docent(en)	dr. mr. L.D.A. Corrias
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

After completion of this course students will:

- have acquired knowledge of various philosophical approaches to international law;

- have gained experience in close reading and analysis of philosophical texts;

- be able to critically reflect on various philosophical theories of international law;

- be able to assess the implications of these theories for current practices of international law.

The course also promotes the academic education of the student, in particular with reference to:

- independent, academic thought processes and performance;

- communicating at an academic level;

- reflecting on specialist academic knowledge in a wider philosophical context.

Inhoud vak

After an introductory session on the nature and history of philosophy of international law and its relation to other disciplines, we will read and discuss leading texts within the field of philosophy of international law.

Toetsvorm

Written exam

Literatuur

To be announced

Overige informatie

A maximum number of 25 students may participate in this course.

The following course objectives are only available in Dutch:

Eindtermen master Rechtsgeleerdheid

De afgestudeerde master beschikt over een academisch werk- en denkniveau;

heeft diepgaande en specialistische kennis van en inzicht in minimaal één deelgebied van het recht

heeft inzicht in de samenhang tussen verschillende onderdelen van het recht, met inbegrip van het nationale en internationale recht

De afgestudeerde master beschikt over de volgende (juridische) vaardigheden:

Analytische vaardigheden:

de juridische en maatschappelijke aspecten van een vraagstuk in hun onderlinge samenhang beoordelen en daarover kritisch nadenken/oordelen literatuur en juridische bronnen diepgaand analyseren en interpreteren en kritisch beschouwen (waar relevant ook in de Engelse taal, waar relevant ook op nieuwe rechtsgebieden)

Onderzoeks- en presentatievaardigheden:

schriftelijk verslag doen van een rechtswetenschappelijk onderzoek met argumenten onderbouwde mening formuleren over een complex juridisch probleem of een nieuwe ontwikkeling

actief deelnemen aan een wetenschappelijk debat op het deelgebied dat het masterprogramma beslaat

Degree programme objectives Law and Politics of International Security
Final Attainment Levels

The student graduating with a Master's degree will have the following knowledge and understanding:

International conflict and security law, including jus ad bellum, jus in bello and jus post bellum;

Being capable of:

The student graduating with a Master's degree will have a capability to:

Identify and apply theoretical approaches from international law and political science;

Show evidence of:

The student graduating with a Master's degree will have a critical, creative and innovative attitude with regard to:

The way in which problems in the area of international conflict and security are framed in academic, legal and policy debates;

The existing legal framework in the field of international conflict and security;

Existing scientific theories in the area of international security;

Academic research as well as research results.

Political and Policy Research: Philosophy and Design

Vakcode	S_PPRPD ()
Periode	Periode 3
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Sociale Wetenschappen
Examinator	prof. dr. B. Vis
Lesmethode(n)	Werkgroep
Niveau	500

Doel vak

After completion of this course students should be able to:

1. Critically reflect upon the methodological choices involved in social science research and to justify their own choices, linking the levels of epistemology, methodology and techniques;
2. Apply suitable research techniques to the analysis of political phenomena and formulate a research design;
3. Justify methodological choices in setting up a research design;
4. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of various research traditions in the social and political sciences (e.g., positivist and critical approaches) and the ideas about the relation of theory and empirical observations.

Inhoud vak

Lectures with group work. Before class, students are expected to have studied the readings and to submit a small assignment in which they apply the readings to the topic of their Master thesis. These mini-assignments are to constitute the building blocks of the final paper: a research design. Students who fail to submit their mini-assignments in time will instead have to write a 500 words max. reading reflection of the readings for that class.

Onderwijsvorm

Lectures with group work. Two three-hour sessions for four weeks.

Toetsvorm

Class participation, written assignments and final paper

Literatuur

To be announced

Doelgroep

Students in the MSc Political Science

Public International Law

Vakcode	R_Pub.int.I (200950)
Periode	Periode 1
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid

Coördinator	dr. mr. K.M. Manusama
Examinator	dr. mr. K.M. Manusama
Docent(en)	dr. mr. K.M. Manusama
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	400

Doel vak

The course provides students with an overview of the foundational doctrines of international law. Students are required to reflect on these foundations, identify incompatibilities and to see how law and politics interact. Moreover, students will be familiarized with the basic legal regimes covering ius ad bellum and ius in bello and be required to critically apply these frameworks to existing armed conflicts.

Inhoud vak

Sources and subjects of international law
Law of responsibility, with a focus on states and individuals
Jurisdiction and immunities
Collective Security Law
Self-Defense
Humanitarian Intervention
Basic Tenets of the Law of Armed Conflict

Toetsvorm

Take home examination

Literatuur

Jan Klabbers, International law, Cambridge University Press 2013
Syllabus

Aanbevolen voorkennis

The course:
- Volkenrecht

Overige informatie

OBJECTIVES

Degree programme objectives Law and Politics of International Security

Final Attainment Levels

The student graduating with a Master's degree will have the following knowledge and understanding:

- International conflict and security law, including jus ad bellum, jus in bello and jus post bellum;
- The difficulties involved in the application of 'traditional' legal and political science concepts to contemporary armed conflicts.

Being capable of:

- The student graduating with a Master's degree will have a capability to:
 - Identify and apply theoretical approaches from international law and political science;
 - Identify the differences and overlaps between the various methodologies used in law and political science;
 - Independently set up a legal and political arguments in the area of international conflict and security law;
 - Independently apply research methods and interpret results;

Show evidence of:

- The student graduating with a Master's degree will have a critical, creative and innovative attitude with regard to:
- The way in which problems in the area of international conflict and security are framed in academic, legal and policy debates;
- The existing legal framework in the field of international conflict and security;
- Existing policy solutions in the field of international conflict and security;

Degree programme objectives International Crimes and Criminology
Final Attainment Levels

Knowledge of and insight into:

- Recent approaches, theories and insights from various disciplines in international crimes;
- Legal issues concerning international crimes.

Show evidence of:

- An independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge;
- An investigative, original and creative attitude with regard to existing issues and solutions;
- Critical, analytical and normative reflection on academic research and on research result.

Public International Law, Selected Topics

Vakcode	R_Pub.i.l.st (200975)
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. H.M.G. Denters
Examinator	dr. H.M.G. Denters
Docent(en)	dr. H.M.G. Denters
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	600

Doel vak

Train academic writing, research and presentation skills in the field of public international law. Making international law understandable for a broader public.

Inhoud vak

Students participate in this course by writing four legal comments on a current problem of public international law

Students must also submit four rejoinders on comments written by fellow students

Comments count 1000-1500 words, are well argued and based on research of legal sources. Students are expected to spend approximately 25 hours on each comment. Rejoinders should count 100-200 words.

Comments shall be published on a blog called TLS Law Blog (TLB) <http://tllawblog.blogspot.com/>. Comments may be written in Dutch or English.

Before posting on TLB, each comment will be considered by a staff-member of the TLS department. The staff-member will offer advice how the comment can be improved and decides on posting on TLB

Toetsvorm

Papers and presentation

Literatuur

Legal sources required for writing comments. Students should independently find and research legal sources.

Overige informatie

The following course objectives are only available in Dutch:

De afgestudeerde master beschikt over een academisch werk- en denkniveau;

- heeft diepgaande en specialistische kennis van en inzicht in minimaal één deelgebied van het recht
- heeft inzicht in de samenhang tussen verschillende onderdelen van het recht, met inbegrip van het nationale en internationale recht

De afgestudeerde master beschikt over de volgende (juridische) vaardigheden:

Analytische vaardigheden:

- de juridische en maatschappelijke aspecten van een vraagstuk in hun onderlinge samenhang beoordelen en daarover kritisch nadenken/oordelen
- zich inzicht verschaffen in de problemen die zich bij rechtsvorming op het gekozen deelgebied voordoen en een bijdrage leveren aan oplossing daarvan
- een probleem vanuit verschillende deelgebieden op een integratieve manier benaderen
- literatuur en juridische bronnen diepgaand analyseren en interpreteren en kritisch beschouwen (waar relevant ook in de Engelse taal, waar relevant ook op nieuwe rechtsgebieden)
- rechtsregels afleiden uit concrete gevallen (inductie)

Probleemoplossende vaardigheden:

- complexe casus diepgaand analyseren en interpreteren en zelfstandig juridische oplossingen aandragen
- complexe juridische problemen onderkennen, analyseren en oplossen

Onderzoeks- en presentatievaardigheden:

- individueel een rechtswetenschappelijk onderzoek op academisch niveau voorbereiden en uitvoeren (probleemstelling formuleren en afbakenen, informatie verzamelen, gegevens interpreteren, conclusies trekken, evalueren en aanbevelingen en suggesties doen voor verder onderzoek)
- schriftelijk presenteren van een wetenschappelijk juridisch betoog
- schriftelijk verslag doen van een rechtswetenschappelijk onderzoek
- met argumenten onderbouwde mening formuleren over een complex juridisch probleem of een nieuwe ontwikkeling
- actief deelnemen aan een wetenschappelijk debat op het deelgebied dat het masterprogramma beslaat

Research Seminar International Crimes: leadership analysis in international criminal investigations

Vakcode	R_Res.sem.ic (212411)
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Periode	Periode 3
Credits	3.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. J. van Wijk
Examinator	dr. J. van Wijk
Lesmethode(n)	Werkcollege
Niveau	400

Doel vak

OBJECTIVES

Knowledge of and insight into:

- Recent approaches, theories and insights from various disciplines in international crimes;
- Legal issues concerning international crimes.

Being capable of:

- Identifying and applying theoretical approaches from various disciplines;
- Critical reflection on research results and relating those results to theoretical debates within the selected domain.

Inhoud vak

To be announced via Blackboard

Toetsvorm

Paper

Overige informatie

The course is open to a limited amount of students (20-25). Preference is given to students of the Master International Crimes and Criminology or the Master Law and Politics of International Security.

Security Studies

Vakcode	R_SecStud ()
Periode	Periode 2+3
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. F. Ostermann
Examinator	dr. F. Ostermann
Docent(en)	prof. dr. W.M. Wagner
Lesmethode(n)	Werkcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

The course aims at familiarizing students with prominent issues of and theoretical perspectives on international security politics.

Inhoud vak

The course is composed of two main parts. The first part focuses on the prospects and limits of security institutions. Whereas neorealist authors point to anarchy and the security dilemma as obstacles to cooperation, institutionalists have aimed at demonstrating how institutions help to establish norms of appropriate behaviour, increase transparency and build trust among participants. The second part on domestic politics and international conflict focuses on the distinct impact of democratic politics on conflict behaviour.

Toetsvorm

Paper

Literatuur

Selection of articles (available via VUA library homepage).

Selected Issues: International Security

Vakcode	S_SIIS ()
Periode	Periode 2
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Sociale Wetenschappen
Coördinator	dr. E.B. van Apeldoorn
Examinator	dr. E.B. van Apeldoorn
Docent(en)	dr. E.B. van Apeldoorn
Lesmethode(n)	Werkgroep

Doel vak

- Familiarise students with topical research in international security and to get a practical sense of the insights and challenges involved;
- Increase students' understanding of the structures, actors and processes regarding contemporary international and global security;
- Enhance students' critical understanding of the potential and limits of competing approaches to international security;
- Stimulate active class participation;
- Enhance students' academic writing skills.

Inhoud vak

International Security is a core and still evolving sub-field of International Relations. While traditionally focused on the security of states and on the concern with national security as a source of international conflict, recently, and in the context of globalization, the field has moved beyond this state-centric focus. On the one hand non-state actors and transnational (economic, social and environmental) processes can be seen as affecting national security. On the other hand, it is argued that the concept of security itself must be broadened beyond that of states to include for example human, societal, environmental and energy security. However, also in 'global security' as a more encompassing term, states and their strategies, continue to play a critical role. From this perspective we will critically evaluate both more traditional and newer approaches to international security and examine how they are applied to various contemporary issues. Special attention will be paid to so-called critical approaches, in particular those who seek to relate issues and dynamics of international security to the unequal power structures of the global political economy. From

this perspective we may 'deconstruct' national and other actors' strategies for security by analysing the social forces involved in shaping these strategies and hence the social purpose (beyond the official justifications given) that they may serve. From this perspective we will amongst others review the politics of America's national security discourse and related foreign policy; the rise of East Asia and possible security implications; the geopolitics of the growing competition for energy sources and the relationship between security and development.

Onderwijsvorm

Seminar

Toetsvorm

Class Participation and written assignment(s). All parts must be passed.

Literatuur

To be announced on blackboard.

Doelgroep

Students of Master Political Science

Selected Issues: Transnational Political Economy

Vakcode	S_SITPE ()
Periode	Periode 2
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Sociale Wetenschappen
Coördinator	dr. N.A. de Graaff
Examinator	dr. N.A. de Graaff
Docent(en)	dr. N.A. de Graaff
Lesmethode(n)	Werkgroep
Niveau	500

Doel vak

- To advance students' understanding of the epistemological issues involved in International Relations and thereby rendering them capable of developing sound research designs;
- To increase students' knowledge of major empirical developments in transnational political economy;
- To train students in identifying the policy relevance of the results of political research as well as detecting pitfalls and shortcomings;
- To stimulate critical theoretical and normative reflection on research results;
- To invite reflection on the policy relevance and strategic consequences of research;
- To enhance students' abilities in academic writing and reporting on research for different audiences as well as drafting summaries for discussion.

Inhoud vak

This course deals with a key field of International Relations (IR). Traditionally, the field of IR was subdivided in the fields of international security and international political economy. As a

consequence of major transformations of the international system (end of the Cold War, globalization, the rise of new great powers, climate change), the boundaries between these subfields have blurred. In this course the focus is on transnational political economy. We will deal with the general framework through which transnational affairs are dealt with (e.g. international regimes, global governance), and with a number of specific issues (e.g. global migration, international finance, energy security, international division of labour). In each case, students are challenged to explore the ways in which the boundaries between economics and politics in a transnational setting are transcended; seemingly "economic" issues are actually highly political in nature and are often the cause of conflict and struggle (sometimes violent) between and within states.

Onderwijsvorm

Interactive seminars

Toetsvorm

Participation (30%), written assignments (70%, of which final paper 50%, which must be graded with at least a 5.5 to pass)

Literatuur

State-of-the-art articles and book chapters (via Blackboard).

Doelgroep

Course is open only to students in the MSc Political Science, MSR students and the LL.M. Law and Politics of International Security programmes; other students need special permission.

Overige informatie

This course is compulsory for students in the track International Relations and Transnational Governance and optional for students in one of the other Master tracks.

Seminar Human Rights: Restitution of cultural objects in post-conflict contexts.

Vakcode	R_SHR ()
Periode	Periode 5
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	prof. mr. W.J. Veraart
Examinator	prof. mr. W.J. Veraart
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	400

Doel vak

How will this objective be achieved? How does this course contribute to the end terms of the Degree Programme? These end terms can be found in the Academic and Examination Regulations of the Study Programme(s) – to be found online

<http://www.rechten.vu.nl/en/students/regulations/index.asp> Upon completion of this course, students will understand:

- the basic concepts underlying international human rights law;

- the theoretical foundations of and challenges within international human rights;
- international human rights institutions and enforcement mechanisms;
- the scope and content of human rights; including debates surrounding their justiciability;
- the ability to restrict the application of rights in certain circumstances subject to certain requirements, including derogation, qualifications and limitations

These objectives will be achieved through the teaching and learning in this subject

Inhoud vak

War and conflict are intrinsically linked to the looting of cultural objects. During World War II hundreds of thousands of cultural objects had been looted by the Nazis. Systemic destruction of cultural heritage, looting and trafficking of cultural objects are currently manifest in Syria and Iraq as part of a process of ethnic and cultural cleansing of religious minorities, whereas the proceeds may be used to fund war and terrorist activities.

The past decades have seen a growing number of disputes concerning the restitution of looted or illegally taken art and other cultural objects. Almost invariably, these cases are international by nature. Since the 1950s, a growing number of international conventions have been developed in this field, most notably under the auspices of UNESCO. These instruments may provide a legal basis for claims regarding present-day looting. However, because of the principle of non-retroactivity of legal norms, these instruments can be of little direct use to cover so-called historical restitution claims, claims that find their base in contentious appropriations longer ago.

One clear category is Nazi-looted art. One can think of the heated international debate and claims surrounding the 2014 'Gurlitt' case on works of art that were kept by the son of a Nazi-dealer in Munich. Another example is the ongoing Goudstikker case in the Netherlands and the United States. Another category consists of claims related to colonial injustices, such as the long-standing claim by Greece on the Parthenon Marbles, claims by indigenous peoples regarding artefacts with a ritual or spiritual meaning, or the category of human remains.

One can notice a growing awareness that cultural objects, being intrinsically different from other 'goods', should be treated differently under the law. In the realm of most restitution claims emotional aspects linked with major historical injustices or cultural identity may be at stake. These are obviously no ordinary ownership issues.

This course will discuss how these aspects influence the choice of legal proceedings and solutions found in this area. It aims to address the (international) legal context in which restitution claims on cultural objects occur. To this end, relevant case-law and positive (international) law will be discussed, as well as instruments of 'soft law' - like ethical codes of conduct for museums and declarations of intent.

This course information is added dd. February 8, 2015

Onderwijsvorm

Interactive seminars will introduce students to the materials, and facilitate discussion of it.

Literatuur

To be confirmed. (See Blackboard).

Intekenprocedure

Only 20 students are able to participate in this course.

The Changing Nature of War: Legal and Political Perspectives

Vakcode	R_Cha.n.o.w. (200984)
Periode	Periode 1
Credits	12.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	prof. dr. W.G. Werner
Examinator	prof. dr. W.G. Werner
Docent(en)	prof. dr. W.G. Werner, prof. dr. W.M. Wagner
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

How will this objective be achieved? How does this course contribute to the end terms of the Degree Programme? These end terms can be found in the Academic and Examination Regulations of the Study Programme(s) – to be found online

<http://www.rechten.vu.nl/en/students/regulations/index.asp>

The course studies the evolution of war and collective security from the perspectives of international law and international politics. The course introduces students to legal and political theories of international security and discusses the interplay between law and politics in this field.

Upon completion of the course, the student should have insight in:

- The history of war as a legal and political concept
- Systems of collective security, especially the UN system
- The ways in which warfare has changed since the late 19th century
- The nature and dynamics of contemporary armed conflicts
- The ways in which the UN system of collective security and traditional understandings of war have been challenged
- The ways in which the UN system of collective security has evolved, especially in the areas of self-defense, the role of the Security Council, peacekeeping operations, humanitarian interventions and peacekeeping.
- The ways in which terrorism and the privatization of violence challenge existing categories of legal and political thinking.

Inhoud vak

History of war, collective security, law and politics, balance of power, regionalism.

Onderwijsvorm

- Class discussion, students are supposed to actively contribute to class discussion.
- Simulations
- Lecturing

Toetsvorm

Two papers each for 50%

Literatuur

- Stephen Neff, War and the Law of Nations, a General History, Cambridge University Press 2006.
- Mary Kaldor, New and Old Wars. Organized Violence in a Global Era, Blackwell Publishers, 2006, second edition.
- Additional literature (either available electronically via VU library or to be handed out and/or posted on blackboard).

Overige informatie

The course is open for students enrolled in the Master programme Law and Politics of International Security.

The Politics of International Criminal Justice

Vakcode	R_TPoICJ ()
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	prof. dr. M.E. Glasius
Examinator	prof. dr. M.E. Glasius
Docent(en)	prof. dr. M.E. Glasius
Lesmethode(n)	Leergroep
Niveau	500

Doel vak

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: This is study guide information of the 2013-2014 academic year. Parts of the information may therefore be outdated.

- Developing a substantive knowledge of which international criminal justice institutions there are, how they have come about, and how they function;
- Developing a deep understanding, based on particular strands of theory including globalization theories, international ethics, political theory and legal sociology, of the normative and empirical questions raised by the recent emergence of international criminal justice institutions;
- Developing an understanding of the different methodologies available to study the politics of international criminal justice, including observation, in-depth interviews, surveys, discourse analysis, document analysis, and theoretical analysis;
- Ability to collaborate in changing interdisciplinary configurations on in-class assignments and on the group presentation;
- Ability to communicate what has been learned a) orally in a presentation based on independent group research that goes beyond the required literature, and b) in written form in a court observation

report, a discourse analysis, and an essay formulating a structured argument informed by theory and primary or secondary empirical sources, based on reading that goes beyond the required literature;

- Development of informed personal views on the goals, the functioning and the impacts of international criminal justice institutions in their wider local and global political contexts.

Inhoud vak

The course will start off by situating international criminal justice in the wider context of the emergence of the idea and practices of transitional justice, and considering the manner of establishment and characteristics of different international criminal courts. It will then consider their political setting and the different aims of, or justifications for, international criminal justice, with particular attention to the relation to donors, victims, and witnesses. In the second half the course will zoom in on particular courts, and then even further in, on particular cases, by means of presentations. In the third part, you will actually be doing some original empirical research, by means of an observation report and discourse analysis on a particular case. The course will be ended with a critical reflection on what the politics of international criminal justice are, and how one can study them, to what purpose.

Onderwijsvorm

The consultation hours will contribute to the essay-writing skills. The 'practical' will be a visit to an international criminal court session, resulting in an observation report. The seminars will contribute to all other learning objectives.

A maximum of 25 students can participate in the course. Participation in the seminars is compulsory.

Toetsvorm

The course will be assessed by the following components:

- Paper(s).
- Presentation(s).
- Assignment(s).

Literatuur

The literature will consist of book chapters, journal articles and other works tbc.

Overige informatie

This course will not be taught this academic year (2014-2015) due to circumstances.

The Politics of International Law

Vakcode	R_PoIL ()
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	G.M. Gordon
Examinator	G.M. Gordon

Docent(en)	G.M. Gordon
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

After completion of the course, students should:

- Have a broad understanding of insights from international relations and legal theory into the core interrelationship of politics and law in international relations.
 - Have thorough knowledge of the principles used and problems raised in distinguishing political from legal issues in international adjudication.
 - Understand the political dimension of legal decision-making in actual international legal practice.
 - Understand the challenges of institutional solutions to international problems of a mixed political and legal character.
- Be able to reflect critically on possible alternative ways of resolving controversies between political and juridical claims.

Inhoud vak

International relations, theoretical paradigms:

Classical realism & Structural realism

Institutionalism

Liberal theory

Constructivism

Transnational legal process

Critical legal theory

Counterdisciplinarity

International law: Political question doctrine

International practice:

Juridical process & judicial interventions

The role of the Legal Advisor

Toetsvorm

Paper, assignments, attendance

Literatuur

Literature is subject to change. Reading will be drawn from materials such as the following:

- Kenneth N. Waltz, The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, vol. 18, no. 4 (1988)
- Robert O. Keohane, International Relations and International Law: Two Optics, *Harvard International Law Journal*, vol. 38, no. 2 (1997)
- Michael W. Doyle & Geoffrey S. Carlson, Silence of the Law? Conceptions of International Relations and International Law in Hobbes, Kant and Locke, *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*, vol. 46, n. 3 (2008)
- Anthony Clark Arend, Do Legal Rules Matter? *International Law and International Politics*, *Virginia Journal of International Law*, vol. 38 (1998)
- Harold Hongju Koh, Transnational Legal Process, *Nebraska Law Review*, vol. 75 (1996)
- Marti Koskenniemi, The Fate of Public International Law: Between Technique and Politics, *The Modern Law Review*, vol. 70, no. 1 (2007)
- Nouwen & Werner, Doing Justice to the Political: The International Criminal Court in Uganda and Sudan, *European Journal of International Law*, vol. 21, no. 4 (2010)

- Scharf & Williams, Shaping foreign policy in times of crisis: the role of international law and the state department legal adviser (New York: Cambridge U. Press, 2010): chaps. 1, 5, 6, 8 & 10
- Hans Morgenthau, Politics Among Nations, selected readings
- ICJ Advisory Opinions and select separate opinions: from reader

Overige informatie

This course is intended for LPIS students only. Please contact me regarding any other students who wish to take the course.

The student graduating with a Master's degree will have the following knowledge and understanding:

- International conflict and security law, including jus ad bellum, jus in bello and jus post bellum;
- The nature and development of contemporary armed conflicts;
- Contemporary theories of international security, as developed in political science (especially IR theory);
- The overlaps and differences between the legal and political science approaches to international security;
- The interrelationship between international law and international politics in the area of international security;
- The difficulties involved in the application of 'traditional' legal and political science concepts to contemporary armed conflicts.

Being capable of:

- The student graduating with a Master's degree will have a capability to: Identify and apply theoretical approaches from international law and political science;
- Identify the differences and overlaps between the various methodologies used in law and political science;
- Independently set up a legal and political arguments in the area of international conflict and security law;
- Independently apply research methods and interpret results;
- Independently set up, carry out and report the result of research projects;
- Critically reflect on research results and relating those results to theoretical debates within the selected domains.

Show evidence of:

- The student graduating with a Master's degree will have a critical, creative and innovative attitude with regard to:
The way in which problems in the area of international conflict and security are framed in academic, legal and policy debates;
- The existing legal framework in the field of international conflict and security;
- Existing policy solutions in the field of international conflict and security;
- Existing scientific theories in the area of international security;
- Academic research as well as research results.

Theoretical Orientation on Human Security part 1

Vakcode	S_TOHS1 ()
Periode	Periode 1
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Sociale Wetenschappen
Coördinator	dr. F. Colombijn
Examinator	dr. F. Colombijn

Docent(en)	dr. F. Colombijn
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege, Werkgroep
Niveau	400

Doel vak

Students are familiarized with theoretical traditions, approaches and concepts relevant to understand how anthropologists can use 'human security' as a theoretical lens, conceptual perspective or analytical tool. Students can explain the research potentials and limitations of the human-security-'window' in anthropological research. Students are also trained in writing assignments and oral presentations.

Inhoud vak

During the last decade the concept of human security has become a rallying point for the re-conceptualization of (human) development in the face of perceived threats to stability and security. This course delves into the conceptual and theoretical aspects and possible limitations in the way that the United Nations have coined the concept as 'freedom from fear and freedom from want'. We will provide a broader focus in which aspects of social and physical well-being are systematically connected to specific culturally informed ways of coping with risk and uncertainty. The basic principle of the course is that social and cultural dimensions of human security - and therefore social and cultural approaches in anthropology - are not only equally relevant, but also interconnected. Physical, economic and political aspects of (in)security should be studied in relation to existential, religious and emotional elements. We will elaborate on this theme by discussing various concrete examples of people's individual and collective perceptions and strategies from all over the world; these can be local but will also be constituted by global processes.

Onderwijsvorm

Lectures and group seminars

Toetsvorm

Written assignments (80%) and oral presentations (20%). Attendance and participation is obligatory. In all parts a pass must be achieved.

Literatuur

Eriksen, Th.H., Bal, E., & Saleminck, O. (eds.) (2010). *A World of Insecurity – Anthropological Perspectives on Human Security*. London/New York: Pluto Press (about € 28 at VU-bookstore).

Further articles and book chapters will be announced.

Doelgroep

Students in the Master's in Social and Cultural Anthropology plus LPIS students.

Overige informatie

Five students of the Master's programme in Law and Politics of International Security are also admitted to participate in this course. Except for these LPIS-students, participation in this course is obligatory for participation in the course Field Research Design. The FRD and TOHS1 courses are of a complementary nature, but each has its own objective, logic and rhythm, so students should be prepared to simultaneously fulfill requirements for both courses.

Theories and Approaches in International Relations

Vakcode	S_TAIR ()
Periode	Periode 1
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Sociale Wetenschappen
Coördinator	dr. P.H. Pattberg
Examinator	dr. P.H. Pattberg
Docent(en)	dr. P.H. Pattberg
Lesmethode(n)	Werkgroep, Hoorcollege
Niveau	400

Doel vak

Objectives and learning goals:

- To provide students with an overview of the theoretical foundations of IR, thus enabling them to analyse concrete historical developments from various theoretical perspectives;
- To teach students to critically reflect upon the meta-theoretical foundations - and their methodological and normative implications – of (social science) theory (increasing their reflexive knowledge of both the main traditions and of paradigmatic change);
- To familiarize students with the critical assessment of political science literature, in particular by placing it within a historical context and by reflecting upon both the social constitution of theory as well as its socially constitutive effects.

Inhoud vak

Whereas IR traditionally (and narrowly) defined deals almost exclusively with relations between states, the 'discipline' has moved much beyond such a narrow state-centrism in order to embrace a much broader conception of world politics in which there is attention to both state and non-state actors and both interstate and other global social structures. This broader conception of world politics is point of departure for this introductory course and is in fact taken one step further by departing from the notion that contemporary world politics is of a fundamentally transnational nature. Thus, politics is not just between states but also the political struggle between various transnational interest groups, movements and social forces. Although there is no world polity, there is a European polity, and internationally there are numerous international organizations that constitute institutionalized structures of global governance. Policy, finally, is not just produced by states as foreign policy, but also by the aforementioned international organizations and by the EU. A second characteristic is that although we consider IR as a mature sub-discipline of political science which is grounded in various approaches and methods of general political science (and therefore clearly linked to the other stream of the MSc in Political Science), we also recognize the contributions from other disciplines (including philosophy, economics, sociology, anthropology, and law) to the field and stress the importance of interdisciplinary research. This course is structured as a historical overview of the development of the discipline, placed in a wider historical context of 'real-world' developments in the global system - stressing the obvious links between those developments and the

development of theory - as well as in a wider social science context, trying to see how IR theory developed in relation to other disciplines and to wider debates within the social sciences. Next to the historical context considerable attention is given to the meta-theoretical assumptions (and methodological implications thereof) underlying various approaches and theories as we believe that these are key to understanding the major debates, and that - for their own research - it is important that students critically reflect upon those assumptions.

Onderwijsvorm

Seminar. Building on prior knowledge of students (i.e., students from our Bachelor's programme are assumed to have basic knowledge of the IR and European integration literature used in the bachelor, and students coming from outside to have an equivalent knowledge), students will work through the literature in tutorial form. The total amount of reading will be about 80 pages per session.

Toetsvorm

Participation, including three pieces of homework (30%) and one final essay (70%).

Literatuur

The course is based on Scott Burchill et al (2013). Theories of International Relations, 5th ed. London: Palgrave (to be bought). A reader will be made available.

Doelgroep

MSc Political Science students.