

**IST410 / PLS440: International Organizations / International Organizations and Law**

**Fall Semester: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30-11:45**

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**Course Goals**

In this course, students are expected:

1. to learn the basic legal issues of intergovernmental ("international" in the strict sense) institutions and the potential, or sometimes apparent, tensions between international and national interests in their activities.
2. to learn how to make researches on intergovernmental institutions, analyse their problems and make presentations for the class.

**Course Description**

Students are expected to learn by themselves at home. The class activities are to improve presentation and discussion skills, stimulate reflections and clear up misunderstandings.

**Class Activities**

Three types of activities.

- 1) Questions and class discussions based on assigned reading  
Carefully read in advance assigned reading materials.
- 2) Article review presentations  
Oral presentations based on research articles.
- 3) Case study presentations  
Choose one of international institutions and make a presentation on its missions, basic structure and problems.

**Prior Academic Preparation**

None.

**Evaluation**

Article review presentations: 10%

Two In-class essay tests: 20%

Comprehension Quizzes: 10%

Case study presentation: 10%

Participation: 10%

Final Exam: 40%

**Course Materials**

Material will be available on the internet or will be provided in hard copy.

**Course Schedule (subject to changes, in function of number of students)**

**I. The Legal Framework of International Organizations**

Thu. Sep. 3, Course introduction

Tue. Sep. 8, Schermers, "Introduction", pp. 1-49.

[No class on Thursday, Sep. 10]

Tue. Sep. 15, Jan Klabbers, "The Foundations of Powers of Organizations", pp. 60-81.

Thu. Sep. 17, The ICJ advisory opinion on Certain Expenses case (1962).

Thu. Sep. 24, Jan Klabbers, "Institutional Structures"

Tue. Sep. 29, 1st In-class essay test

Thu. Oct. 1, Review of the essay test and discussions on the legitimacy of the UN

**II. Article Review Presentations**

Tue. Oct. 6 and Thu. Oct. 8, Nico J. Schrijver, "The Future of the Charter of the United Nations", *Max Planck Yearbook of United Nations Law*, vol. 10 (2006).

Thu. Oct. 15 and Tue. Oct. 20, B. S. Chimni, "International Institutions Today: An Imperial Global State in the Making", *European Journal of International Law*, Vol. 15 (2004).

[No class on Oct. 22 and 27]

Thu. Oct. 29 and Thu. Nov. 5, Dan Sarooshi, "Sovereignty, Economic Autonomy, the United States, and the International Trading System: Representations of a Relationship", *European Journal of International Law*, Vol. 15 (2004).

Tue. Nov. 10 and Thu. Nov. 12, Jürgen Habermas, "The Constitutionalization of International Law and the Legitimation Problems of a Constitution for World Society", *Constellations*, vol. 15 (4), 444-455.

Tue. Nov. 17, 2nd in-class essay test

Thu. Nov. 19, review of the essay test and preliminary discussions for case studies

**III. Case Studies**

Nov. 24, 26, Dec. 1, 3, 4, 8 and 10.

Tue. Dec. 15, Concluding lecture and student evaluations

Thursday, Dec. 17 (provisioinal date), 09:00-12:00 (Three hours), Final Exam