



INTERNATIONAL ORDER AND JUSTICE

Specialist course
Academic year 2020-2021



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SEMESTER 1



Prof. Philippe Gautier (Registrar, International Court of Justice)

- Wednesday 14 October 2020 from 13.00-14.30
- 'The ICJ and the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States: New Challenges'



Mr. Jean-Marie Henckaerts (International Committee of the Red Cross)

- Thursday 22 October 2020 from 14.00-15.45
- 'Treaties over Time: Interpreting the Geneva Conventions 70 Years after Their Adoption'



Amb. Marja Lehto (International Law Commission)

- Thursday 19 November 2020 from 11.00-12.30
- 'Environmental Protection and Armed Conflict: A Framework of International Law and Practice'



Judge Kimberly Prost (International Criminal Court)

- Wednesday 2 December 2020 from 13.00-14.30
- 'Standing at the Intersection of Law and Politics: The Role of the Ombudsperson to the Security Council ISIL (Da'esh) and Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee'

SEMINAR

- Wednesday 14 October 2020 from 15.00-16.30

- Thursday 22 October 2020 from 12.00-13.30

- Thursday 19 November 2020 from 12.45-14.15

- Wednesday 2 December 2020 from 11.00-12.30

SEMESTER 2



LECTURE

Judge Geert De Baere (General Court of the EU)

- Monday 15 February 2021
- 'The Relationship between International and European Law'



Prof. William Schabas (Middlesex University)

- Tuesday 2 March 2021
- 'The Notion of Genocide in International Law' (TBC)



Prof. Hélène Ruiz-Fabri (Max Planck Institute)

- Thursday 22 April 2021
- 'Reforming Investor-State Dispute Settlement' (TBC)



Prof. Andrea Bianchi (Graduate Institute Geneva)

- Friday 28 May 2021 from 09.30-11.00
- 'Knowledge Production in International Law'

SEMINAR

- Tuesday 16 February 2021 from 12.00-13.30

- Tuesday 2 March 2021

- Thursday 22 April 2021

- Crash course on international legal theory
- Thursday 27 May 2021 (6-hour course)

SETUP OF THE SPECIALIST COURSE

Following the successful International Order and Justice Lecture Series in 2015-16 and 2017-18, the Ghent Law Faculty will in the upcoming academic year (2020-21) organize another series of guest lectures by, and concomitant closed sessions for doctoral and post-doctoral researchers with, eight undisputed 'heavyweights' in the broader international legal domain.

Eight experts will each deliver a public lecture on topics ranging from the peaceful settlement of disputes, and the protection of the environment during armed conflicts, to the interplay between international and European law.

The external speakers will moreover participate in closed interactive sessions during which one or more doctoral researchers will give a presentation relating to their research, and receive first-hand feedback from an established legal scholar in their domain. Other doctoral researchers will be able to engage in the ensuing debate. For the first time, the lecture series will also feature a 6-hour 'crash course' on international legal theory by a leading expert on the topic.

The lecture series is organized under the auspices of the Ghent Rolin-Jaequemyns International Law Institute (GRILI), in partnership with the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. It is made possible through the financial support of the Doctoral School of Arts, Humanities and Law at Ghent University and the Belgian Society of International Law. It is coordinated by Prof. dr. Tom Ruys, Prof. dr. Frederik Dhondt and Dr. Luca Ferro.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Participation in the Specialist Course is open to all doctoral students, whether from Ghent University or external institutions. Other persons wishing to participate in the interactive sessions should inquire with the organizers. Reading materials will be distributed to enrolled candidates, prior to the lectures. Those who enrol and participate in all lectures can obtain an ECTS certificate from the Ghent University Doctoral Schools administration.

Doctoral students wishing to present during one of the interactive sessions are invited to submit a short proposal (abstract no more than 300 words) to the organizers (Tom.Ruys@UGent.be) and specify the session during which they would like to do so. Presentations need not overlap with the topic of the parallel public lectures, but should generally relate to the broader expertise of the external guests.

Registration is possible for separate sessions or for the entire lecture series. The registration fee for the full lecture series is € 100; a single session (public lecture + corresponding interactive session) comes at € 25. A reduced registration fee of € 50 and € 15 resp. applies for doctoral students enrolled at the partner institutions (UA, VUB, ULG, UCL). Participation in the Specialist Course will be free of charge for doctoral researchers and students of Ghent University, as well as members of The Belgian Society of International Law.

For further information (registration and payment instructions), please contact: Kristien.Ballegeer@UGent.be.

* Inasmuch as circumstances so permit, all of the lectures and seminars will take place 'on campus' at Ghent University's school of law, with the exception of the final session (with Prof. Bianchi), which will be held in Brussels. It is not excluded, however, that due to COVID-19 one or more sessions will be held exclusively in an online modus.

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