

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

winter semester - 2016/2017

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room 515 A

calendar:

- I. 1st class- 19.10 - organizational issues
- II. 2nd class – 9.11- introduction to public international law
 - the main features of the international community;
 - the nature of international law: role, enforcement and effectiveness
 - **obligatory reading:** Anthony D'Amato, "*Is International Law Really "Law"?*", 79 Northwestern Law Review 1293 (1985) (available: <http://anthonydamato.law.northwestern.edu/Papers-1/A853-really%20law.html>)
- III. 3rd class – 16.11 - the fundamental principles governing international relations
- IV. 4th class – 23.11 - introduction to sources of public international law
 - **obligatory text:** art. 38 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice
- V. 5th class – 30.11 - sources of public international law: treaties
 - definition, structure and types of international agreements
 - conclusion and interpretation of treaties
 - invalidity, termination and suspension of treaties
 - entry into force
 - **obligatory text:** Vienna Convention on the Law of the Treaties (1969)
- VI. 6th class – 7.12 - sources of public international law: treaties (cdn), international custom
 - elements of international custom
 - international agreement vs international custom
 - **obligatory text:** Vienna Convention on the Law of the Treaties (1969)
- VII. 7th class – 14.12 - final test

basic principles of the course:

- Every student has a right to one absence during semester. In the case of any additional absence, student is required to pass the material during the office hours.
- Final mark will be based on:
 - active participation: 3 pluses in the semester boost the semester grade half a grade up
 - test: 3 open questions