LAW OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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Law of international security is a set of rules regulating the maintenance and restoration of international peace and security. The aim of the course is to provide a solid overview of this legal framework within which States and other actors exercise their policies, adopt decisions and form mutual relations on the international scene. The objective is thus twofold: to get familiarized with the international legal norms and to apply them to concrete cases in the world politics. The knowledge of the legal pillars facilitates the analysis of international security issues.

The course will shed light both on the centralized international and decentralized regional levels of collective security mechanisms. If the central point is the United Nations Security Council powers – organ vested with the primary responsibility for the protection of international peace and security – its relations of subsidiarity and complementarity with regional organizations will complete the general picture of the security scene. Besides the prerogatives of the United Nations, the role of the NATO, EU, OSCE, African Union, ECOWAS or OAS will be studied.

Divers measures aimed at the protection of international security, both involving and not involving the use of force, will be the subject of our interest. The use of economic embargoes, targeted sanctions, interruption of diplomatic relations and, finally, the recourse to military force will illustrate the great and evolving mosaic of possible intervention means as well as their limits.

The new threats and challenges to international peace and security we face in the 21st century, and the diversification and proliferation of preventive and reactive measures the international community has developed, necessarily lead to the reappraisal of the legal norms governing this sphere.

Course: 12 sessions (2 hours)

Method: Presentation of the topic in an interactive way completed by discussion with the students. For each session the students will read the assigned texts, both primary sources and excerpts from doctrine, relevant to the topic.

Assessment: Class attendance/active participation in discussion. Oral and written presentation of a specific topic.
Syllabus

I. GENERAL RULES
CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Session 1: Introduction & Definition of the Term “Law of International Security”


II. PARTICULAR MEASURES
TO MAINTAIN AND RESTORE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Session 4: Diversification of Measures Not Involving the Use of Force

Session 5: “Targeted” Sanctions

Session 6: Authorization by the UN Security Council to Use Force

Session 7: Right of Self-Defense: Tendencies to Extend its Scope

Session 8: Humanitarian Intervention

Session 9: Changing Nature of Peacekeeping Operations

Session 10: Subsidiarity of Regional Organizations

III. LEGAL EFFECTS OF LAW OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Session 11: Consequences and Remedies for the Violation of the Law of International Security

Session 12: Towards a Global Security System?
BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Recommended: