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Subjects of International Law

- **International Organizations**

Since the mid-20th century, first international organisations, particularly the United Nations, through the human rights movement, came to be recognised as possessing a measure of international personality.

They too were 'international persons', 'subjects of international law', albeit with fewer rights and duties than States.



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The aim of the course

The course's fundamental objective is to provide students with advanced knowledge and a critical understanding of the institutional life (including formation, membership, competences, organs, modes of decision-making, accountability and control) of global and regional international organizations as well as of their increasing role and impact, both internationally and within domestic legal systems, in the development and interpretation of legal principles, rules and standards. Particular emphasis will lie on the United Nations and the UN family of organizations at the global level, and on intergovernmental organizations based in Europe (Council of Europe, NATO, OECD, OSCE) at the regional level, and the relationship between such organizations and the European Union as a supranational regional organization.

An important method develop students' capacity for a critical understanding of the role and impact of international organizations is the active use of case-studies, including international and domestic case-law and cases demonstrating institutional complexities as well as the development and interpretation of legal principles, rules and standards by particular international organizations and bodies.

Topics of the course

- **Topic 1. Definition, nature and general characters.**
- **Topic 2. International organizations as subjects of International Law.**
- **Topic 3. Constitutions of International organizations (IO).**
- **Topic 4. International organizations as subjects of International Law.**
- **Topic 5. Internal and external relations of International Organizations.**
- **Topic 6. Internal and external relations of International Organizations.**
- **Topic 7. Origins and structure of United Nations Organization .**
- **Topic 8. Main functions of United Nations Organization .**
- **Topic 9. Main functions of United Nations Organization .**
- **Topic 10. The UN system.**
- **Topic 11. Political co-operation.**
- **Topic 12. Political co-operation.**
- **Topic 13. Economic co-operation and integration.**
- **Topic 14. Security and defence.**
- **Topic 15. Security and defence dimension of the European Union.**