

International Winter University in International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law 2024/25 - Environmental Protection, 2. – 11. January 2025

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Part I: Introduction

Thursday 2 January, 2025

Time Berlin (B) Wisconsin (W)	Lecture
3 – 4.30 pm (B) 8:00 – 9:30 am (W)	Opening Ceremony
5 – 6.30 pm (B) 10 – 11.30 am (W)	Introduction to Public International Law (PIL) <i>Prof. Dr. Thilo Marauhn</i>
7 – 8.30 pm (B) 12 – 1.30 pm (W)	International Environmental Law and Other Branches of PIL <i>Prof. Dr. Philippe Cullet</i>
Friday 3 January, 2025	
3 – 4.30 pm (B) 8:00 – 9:30 am (W)	The Sources of International Human Rights Law: Treaties and Beyond <i>Dr. León Castellanos-Jankiewicz</i>
5 – 6.30 pm (B) 10 – 11.30 am (W)	The Sources of International Humanitarian Law: Treaties and Beyond <i>Sabrina Rewald</i>
Saturday 4 January, 2025	
3 – 4.30 pm (B) 8 – 9.30 am (W)	Introduction to International Humanitarian Law: Conflict Classification <i>Farnaz Dezfouli Asl</i>
5 – 6.30 pm (B) 10 – 11.30 am (W)	Introducing Civil and Political Rights, and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights <i>Dr. Omar Fassatoui</i>
Monday 6 January, 2025	
3 – 4.30 pm (B) 8 – 9.30 am (W)	Conduct of Hostilities <i>Farnaz Dezfouli Asl</i>
5 – 6.30 pm (B) 10 – 11.30 am (W)	Environmental Protection: Role of Regional Human Rights Courts and International Courts <i>Prof. Dr. Benoit Mayer</i>

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Part II: Protection of Environment: Contemporary Challenges	
Tuesday 7 January, 2025	
Time Berlin (B) Wisconsin (W)	Lecture
3 – 4.30 pm (B) 8 – 9.30 am (W)	Environmental Protection in Armed Conflict <i>Prof. Dr. Vaios Koutroulis</i>
5 – 6.30 pm (B) 10 – 11.30 am (W)	Protection of the Environment: Specific Weapons <i>Johanna Trittenbach</i>
Wednesday 8 January, 2025	
3 – 4.30 pm (B) 8 – 9.30 am (W)	Animal Rights and Protection of Animals in Armed Conflict <i>Sannimari Veini</i>
5 – 6.30 pm (B) 10 – 11.30 am (W)	Environmental Justice for Future Generations <i>Alessandro Drigo</i>
Thursday 9 January, 2025	
3 – 4.30 pm (B) 8 – 9.30 am (W)	Common Heritage of Mankind <i>Prof. Dr. Edwin Egede</i>
5 – 6.30 pm (B) 10 – 11.30 am (W)	Introduction to Space Law <i>Sannimari Veini</i>
Friday 10 January, 2025	
3 – 4.30 pm (B) 8 – 9.30 am (W)	Biodiversity Conservation and Wildlife Protection <i>Dr. Ayşe-Martina Böhringer</i>
5 – 6.30 pm (B) 10 – 11.30 am (W)	Right to a Healthy Environment <i>Farah Bouquelle and Prof. Dr. Hendrik Schoukens</i>
Saturday 11 January, 2025	
3 – 4.30 pm (B) 8 – 9.30 am (W)	Strategic Litigation and Environmental Protection <i>Vera Strobel</i>
5 – 6.30 pm (B) 10 – 11.30 am (W)	International Criminal Law and the Protection of Environment <i>Dr. Jelena Plamenac</i>
7 – 8.30 pm (B) 12 – 1.30 pm (W)	Closing Ceremony

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The Course offers an in-depth approach to current challenges of International Human Rights Law (IHRL) and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) with a special focus on the protection of the environment. The first part of the program offers students the basic foundation in public international law including IHRL and IHL. The second part focuses on a specialized overview of the specific challenges and topics relevant to environmental protection. The tailored courses allow students to gain a comprehensive understanding of a wide range of discussions relevant to these bodies of law and empowers their ability to comprehend interactions between various fields of law and their environmental protection framework

Aim

The course aims to help you to:

- Learn about the history, sources and basic foundations of IHRL and IHL,
- Develop an understanding of the current debates in IHRL and IHL especially on the protection of the environment in armed conflicts, fragile situations and peacetime,
- Gain a critical understanding of the difference between IHL and IHRL by examining current challenges and issues from both perspectives,
- Strengthen critical thinking and inquiring capabilities of presenting theory-based arguments with coherent evidence; and
- Enhance research skills and use of a wide range of primary and secondary materials, national and international law, soft law, and academic sources.

Objectives

By the end of this course, you should be able to demonstrate:

- Critical knowledge and understanding of the fundamental doctrines, theories, key elements, general principles, and institutions that underpin discussions in IHL and IHRL,
- Critical knowledge and understanding of legal concepts, values, general principles, rules, and terminology relevant to IHL and IHRL
- Enhanced understanding of key debates and challenges in the current discussions regarding the protection of the environment
- Ability to apply knowledge, principles, and doctrine to construct arguments about complex practical legal problems
- Use primary and secondary sources to evidence legal doctrine and support legal arguments; and
- Demonstrate an ability to provide critical and supported answers to legal questions in an assessment environment, in a suitable academic form, and to a high standard of English.

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Reading and Preparations

All of the materials cited in this course will be available in a digital format. Links will be included in each citation where available. Students are expected to actively participate in the lectures, and therefore students must prepare for the lectures by reading the provided materials.

Assesment

The final examination will be a take-home exam taking place after the program, on Saturday 11th of January, and Sunday 12th of January, lasting 48 hours. After the exam questions have been published, the students are allowed to submit their answers by the set deadline. To pass the exam, the students need to show their comprehension of the taught material by answering questions in a case study and essay form. Further details will be issued during the course. Due to the nature of the program, all exam results are final, and no possibility to retake the exam will be offered.

Attendance Policy

Students are required to participate in all lectures, with absences generally not being allowed. Exceptions to this rule can be made due to exceptional circumstances. If the students do not excuse an absence beforehand, they are not allowed to write the final exam and will therefore be unable to receive academic credits. The organizers may also introduce other measures to ensure students' active participation in the lectures.

Credits and Grading Scale

Upon successful completion, 6 ECTS will be awarded for the class. According to the rules of ECTS, one credit is equivalent to 25-30 hours of student workload.

The exams will be graded within three weeks after the end of the program and in addition to the ECTS, the students will receive a certificate of participation. The certificates and transcripts of records will be issued within two weeks after the end of the grading period.

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GRADING SCALE

Percentage	Grade	Description
85-100%	18	Very good: an outstanding achievement
	17	
	16	
	15	
	14	
75-85%	13	Good: an achievement substantially above average requirement
	12	
	11	
	10	
65-75%	9	Satisfactory: an achievement which corresponds to average requirements
	8	
	7	
	6	
60-65%	5	Sufficient: an achievement which barely meets the requirements
	4	
0-60%	<4	Not sufficient / failed: an achievement which does not meet the requirements

If there are further questions about the program, you may contact the organizers in English by sending an email to: winterlaw @ recht.uni-giessen.de