

Course Name : Democratic Values and International Law							
Course Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab. (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
LAW 517	C	Fall	3.00	1.00	0.00	3.50	6.00
Lecturer		Arjan Lame, PhD					
Assistant							
Course language		Albanian					
Course level		Master					
Description		This course covers the role of democracy and its values both at national and international level.					
Objectives		Students must acquire the relevant knowledge in the subject area and be able to analyse the relationship between democracy laying down the framework for stability and peace in civilisations.					
Core Concepts							
Course Outline							
Week	Topic						
1	Introduction – the meaning of democratic values, providing its legal aspects as well as the separation of powers at the national level.						
2	The significance of 'Democratic Governance'						
3	The link between democratic values and the development of human rights at international level.						
4	The protection of democratic values at international level - international actors that play important roles in the protection of these values as for example, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner of the United Nations for Human Rights, Council of Europe etc						
5	Discussion on democratic values contained in international instruments						
6	Limits set by the principle of 'state sovereignty' and interconnection with international law						
7	The legitimacy of international law (in particular, consent, democracy and service conceptions of legitimacy).						
8	Midterm Exam						
9	Sources of international law						
10	General principles of international law						
11	Implementation of international law in domestic law						
12	Jurisdiction and sovereign immunity						
13	Interpretation of Treaties						
14	Reservations contained in treaties						
15	Summary of democratic values protected at international level						
16	Final Exam						

Prerequisites	The student must attend the course at a minimum rate of 75%.		
Literature	• Anthony Aust, "Modern treaty law and practice" (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2007) • Ulf Linderfalk, "On the Interpretation of Treaties: The Modern International Law as Expressed in the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties" (Netherland: Springer 2007) • Malcolm D Evans (ed.), "Blackstone's International Law Documents" (9th edition, Oxford University Press 2009) • Patricia Birnie, Alan Boyle and Catherine Redgwel, "International Law and the Environment" (3rd edition, Oxford University Press 2009)		
References	• A Moravcsik, “In defence of the 'democratic deficit': reassessing legitimacy in the European Union” (Journal of Common Market Studies Vol. 40, No. 4 2002)		
Course Outcome			
1	Understanding the role of democracy in national and international level.		
2	Understanding democratic values and the inter-relationship with human rights.		
3	Understanding why democratic values are strongly upheld by the international arena.		
Course Evaluation			
In-term Studies		Quantity	Percentage
Midterms		1	30
Quizzes		0	0
Projects		1	10
Term Projects		0	0
Laboratory		0	0
Class Participation		1	10
Total in-term evaluation percent			50
Final exam percent			50
Total			100
ECTS Workload (Based on Student Workload)			
Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total (hours)
Course duration (Including the exam week: 16x Total hours of the course)	16	4	64
Study hours outside the classroom (Preparation, Practice, etc.)	14	4	56
Duties	1	5	5
Midterms	1	10	10
Final Exam	1	20	20
Other	0	0	0
Total Work Load			155
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			6.20
ECTS			6.00