International Law

(Spring Semester 2014; Fridays 13:00-15:50)

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🔾 Course Description

The aim of this course is to understand the basic framework and the real process of public international law. To do so, the course will include lectures on the sources of international law, State responsibility, the law of the sea, the use of force, the United Nations, international environmental law, and international dispute settlement. Special reference will be made to the law of the sea and international dispute settlement in the context of East Asia. Throughout the course, students can clearly understand the effectiveness of international law, albeit the non-existence of a single central government, in the international community.

🔾 Readings

\*Jan Klabbers, *International Law* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013)

Malcolm N. Shaw, *International Law*, 6th ed. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008)

Malcolm D. Evans (ed.), *International Law*, 3rd ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010)

The book with an asterisk(\*) will be used as the textbook for this course and students are required to get one. Other books will be used as references for in-depth study (except for Week 10). Important materials may be handed out during the lectures. Students can download the texts of some treaties or the judgments (decisions) of international courts and tribunals on the websites of the United Nations Treaty Collection and the International Court of Justice (and International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea).

🔾 Course Schedule

**Week 1** Introduction: Definition and History of International Law (Chapter 1)

**Week 2** Sources of International Law (Chapter 2)

**Week 3** The Law of Treaties (Chapter 3)

**Week 4** The Subjects of International Law (Chapter 4)

**Week 5** Jurisdiction and Immunities (Chapter 5)

**Week 6** The Law of the Sea (1) (Chapter 13)

**Week 7** The Law of the Sea (2) (Chapter 13)

**Week 8** Mid-term Exam

**Week 9** State Responsibility (Chapter 7)

**Week 10** Acquisition of Territory (Malcolm N. Shaw, Chapter 10)

**Week 11** International Environmental Law (Chapter 14)

**Week 12** International Dispute Settlement (1) (Chapter 8)

**Week 13** International Dispute Settlement (2) (Chapter 8)

**Week 14** Memorial Day (6th June)

**Week 15** The Use of Force (Chapter 10)

**Week 16** Final Exam

🔾 Course Requirements

A. In-class Mid-term Exam (40% of grade)

B. In-class Final Exam (40% of grade)

C. Class Participation (20% of grade)

🔾 Questions

Students may directly contact Dr. Ki Beom Lee for any questions via email.

🔾 Notice for Spring Semester 2014

The last lecture will take place on 7th June (Saturday) instead of 13th June (Friday).