Syllabus

The goal of this seminar is to employ different theoretical perspectives to examine the potential and limits of international law in managing conflicts of interest and promoting cooperation. To put these approaches in context we will focus in particular on the role of law in promoting cooperation in the management of shared transboundary resources, in coordinating collective responses to global terrorism, and in negotiating complex peace agreements.

This syllabus is subject to changes to accommodate the participants’ research interests.

September 1:
1. Inter-State Power and the Evolution of IL

Further Reading:

September 8:
2. IL and Collective Action Theory
   • Elinor Ostrom, Governing the Commons (Cambridge U. Press, 1990), 1-28, 58-102 (Chapters 1 & 3).

September 15:
3. Collective Action and the Global Fight Against Terrorism

September 22:
4. IL and Intra-State Power: the Impact of Domestic Politics
   • Eyal Benvenisti, Exit and Voice in the Age of Globalization 98(1) MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 167 (1999).

September 29:
5. The Management of Transboundary Resources: Challenges for IL in the Middle East

**October 6:**

6. **IL and the Interaction Between Governments and International Courts**


**October 13:** no class

**October 14 (make up class):**

7. **The Role of Customary IL**


**October 20:**

8. **The Role of IL in Peacemaking: The “Right of Return” Controversy**

- UN General Assembly Resolution 194 (III) (1948)

**October 27:**

9. **Globalization and the Privatization of International Regulation**


November 3, 10, 17, December 1, December 8: Students’ presentations.