International Law Readings for the first two sessions:

International Law  LAW-LW.11218.001
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This course provides a basic introduction to international law as it has developed after World War II. Topics covered include: The sources of International law, the relationship between national and international law, the subjects of international law, bases of jurisdiction, the law of treaties, state responsibility, the use of force and human rights.


Friday, Aug. 30: Session 1
International Law: Its History and Basic Structure
Read: The Historical Introduction (pp. XV-XXX) and peruse Chapter 1 and the table of content of D&M.

Introduction and Overview of course: What is international law, why have it and what is distinctive about it?
In this session we’ll focus on some of the core structural features and general principles of international law and situate them in the historical context in which they arose.

Tuesday, Sept. 4: Session 2

The Global Jurisgenerative Process (GJP) I: Sources of Law and Customary Law

Read: pp. 51-76. We will discuss first the Lotus Case, then Paqueet Habana.