

Course title	Readings in Scholarly Literature (Legal Studies)				
Teacher(s)	TAKEUCHI Mari			開講区分	単位数
				1st semester	2.0
Numbering Code	J2MC600	Day・Period	Mon2	Timetable Slot Code	1J286

Lesson topic

This course is taught in English.

There are many 'international' issues in today's world. There are many tools to analyze these issues and international law is one of these them. At the same time, it is important how international law as a tool is connected to other considerations (politics, history, etc.). Against this background, this course aims at analysing these issues from international legal point of view, by situating international rules in actual context. In particular, it examines current topics of international law of statehood (whether Taiwan or Palestine is a state?; legal validity of the declaration of independence of Kosovo or Crimea),

Lesson target

Students will be able to obtain basic knowledge of international law and also will develop skills of reading official documents of international organizations, international judgements, and academic articles. Eventually students will be able to analyze current issues from legal point of view

Syllabus and plan

This course is conducted in a combination of online and in-person classes.
The first half of classes [1-7] are conducted online. The second half of classes [8-15] are conducted in person. In both cases, students are required to do homework in advance (questions will be sent via Googleform in advance).

Details on online classes will be posted on BEEF.

This is a tentative plan, and topics may be amenable according to participants' interests.

- 1: Introduction [online]
- 2: Statehood(1): Taiwan [online]
- 3: Statehood(2): Taiwan [online]
- 4: Statehood(3): Palestine [online]
- 5: Statehood(4): Palestine [online]
- 6: Statehood(5): Kosovo's declaration of independence [online]
- 7: Statehood(6): Kosovo's declaration of independence [online]
- 8: Statehood(7): Crimea [in person]
- 9: Statehood(8): Crimea [in person]
- 10: Self-determination(1):Chagos [in person]
- 11: Self-determination (2): Chagos [in person]
- 12: Self-determination (3): Falkland Islands [in person]
- 13: Self-determination (4): Falkland Islands [in person]
- 14: Wrapping-up (1) [in person]
- 15: Wrapping-up (2) [in person]

Evaluation method

Attendance and participation in class debates are a basic requirement. Students are also required to submit homework every week.

Evaluation baseline

Student's understanding of basic materials and skills to apply them to actual cases will be evaluated through performance in class discussion and mini-presentation.

Notice (include info. on related class)

This course is taught in English, and Participants are supposed to have certain level of English skills (TOEIC 600 is desirable, but not compulsory). There are homeworks for each class (reading materials, addressing questions in advance), and participants are required to prepare enough for the class discussion.

Review and preparation

There are homeworks provided in advance. Students are required to read materials and address questions related to the topics in advance.
Kobe University requires 45 hours of study from students to award one credit, including both in-class instructions as well as study outside classes.
Students are required to prepare for each class and complete the review after each class, depending on the respective class goals.

Office hour · Contact information

Monday, 3rd period. Please make an appointment in advance.

Message for student

This is an interactive course. Participants are encouraged to actively engage in discussion in the class.

Improvements in Teaching

Text

Brownlie's Principles of Public International Law (8th edn)(2013)
Handbook of International Law (2nd edn)(2010)
Law

Aust,
Guilfoyle, International Criminal Law

Reference Material

To be advised in class.

Classroom Language

English
English

Keywords

International Law, Statehood, Self-determination, a combination of face-to-face and remote classes