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International Law and Sustainability

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Department assigned to the subject: International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 3.0

Year: 1 Semester: 1

OBJECTIVES

¿Understanding of the fundamental concepts of the legal structure and key agencies and institutions in the context of environmental matters.

¿Ability to analyze the enforcement of laws and regulations due to economic and political interests, as well as conflicts.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- -Concepts, institutions and fundamental principles of the legal structure at the international level in the context of sustainability.
- -International organizations and courts that are linked on the issues of sustainability, its origins, evolution and operation, facing economic interests, competition and conflicts between the main actors.
- -Key protocols, agreements, principles and standards and the challenges of their implementation by individuals, companies, industries, regions and countries.
- -The negotiation processes between states, international, regional and supranational organizations on the issues of SD, climate change and other environmental issues; Simulation exercises to understand the dynamics of such negotiations.
- -The challenges of enforcing laws and regulations due to economic and political interests and conflicts; probable ways to minimize the discrepancy between laws/regulations and implementation.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Class participation Group presentations

Final exam

% end-of-term-examination: 60 % of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 40

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Boyle; Freestone International Law and Sustainable Development. Past Achivements and Future Challenges, OUP, 2012
- Kim; Bosselmann ¿Operationalizing Sustainable Development: Ecological Integrity as a Grundnorm of International Law¿, Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law, 2015
- Schrijver The Evolution of Sustainable Development in International Law: Inception, Meaning and Status, Collected Courses of the Hague Academy of International Law, 2008