**Public International Law**

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| **Date** | **Subject** | **Readings (for the exam)** | **Discussions readings (for class discussions)** |
| 13 November 2017 | The Nature of International Law and the International System  **Discussion**: the Asian vision of International Law | International Law, Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law, MPEPIL | Xue Hanqin, An Asian Perspective, ASIL, 2017 |
| 14 November | The Sources and principles of International Law  **Discussion**: Sources of law and the South China Sea Case | Sources of international law, MPEPIL | Ted Mc Dorman, The South China Sea Arbitration, Opinio Juris Blog, 2016 |
| 15 November | The Law of Treaties  **Discussions:**   1. the European Union – Vietnam Trade Agreement 2. Can’t Britain exit Brexit? | Sources of international law, MPEPIL | Claudio Dordi, EVFTA, 2017  Edward Swaine, Can’t Britain Exit Brexit?, Opinio Juris Blog, 2017 |
| 16 November | Subjects: States and International organizations  **Discussion**: The tentative secession of Catalonia | Subjects of international law, State, International Organizations (MPEPIL) | Julian Ku, International Law Pays No Homage to Catalonia’s Declaration of  Independence, Opinio Juris Blog, 2018 |
| 17 November | The responsibility of States in International law and settlement of disputes  **Discussion**: the North-Korea international law crisis | Responsibility of States, MPEPIL  International tribunals, MPEPIL | Mohamed Helal, Of Fire and Fury: The Threat of Force and the Korean Missile  Crisis, Opinio Juris Blog, 2017 |

Students shall study the discussions readings before coming to the class. The class is divided into two parts: after the first part as a traditional lecture, the second part will be focused on the discussion of the case.

Exam: One question, to be drafted in one page: 70% of the final mark- Discussions: 30% of the final mark