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## Summer School on Contemporary International Legal Perspectives

### Summary of the courses

#### **Module 1 International legal relations: contemporary perspectives (10 hours)**

The international legal relations course gives the opportunity to discuss and clarify different recent issues of international law. The last course (summer 2019) has been dedicated to the general prohibition on the use of force in contemporary international law. It addressed the distinction that is needed to be drawn between legal and illegal uses of the force in recent conflicts (Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Ukraine, etc...). It also analyzed the exceptions of the general prohibition, such as self-defence, war on terrorism, and the right of humanitarian intervention. A focus has been on the rhetoric surrounding the “War on Terror” initiated after the attacks of 9/11, in order to recognize the possibility of acting in self-defence, within the meaning of article 51 of the UN Charter, against terrorist groups and no longer just against sovereign States.

#### **Module 2 International organizations: regional and universal issues (5 hours)**

The international organizations course begins with the analysis of the main characteristics of International organizations.

Then, for the universal issue, essentially the United Nations, through the study of the Security council, consideration is being given to how this international organisation manage to preserve peace, if it manages.

Considering the regional issue, the example chosen - at the last course, summer 2019 - was the one of the European Union, mainly of the question of the departure of a State, namely the United Kingdom - the “Brexit”.

Throughout the course, the students are invited to participate by asking questions.





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#### **Module 3 : International litigation: current perspectives (10 hours)**

The course on *International litigation: current perspectives* is taught by professor Santulli, Director of the Institute and author of a leading French work on international litigation (*Droit du contentieux international*, Paris, LGDJ-Montchrestien, coll. Précis Domat, 2<sup>d</sup> éd. 2015, 621 p.). The lectures will focus on the process of international adjudication through the study of contemporary cases. Significant litigations will be chosen to highlight the way in which modern judicial and arbitral practice deals with international procedural issues.

#### **Module 4 Contemporary issues of international business law: commercial relations and arbitration (10 hours)**

The Introduction to Arbitration course is taught by several experienced arbitration lawyers from the DLA Piper Paris office, led by DLA Piper's Global Head of Arbitration, Michael Ostrove. The course provides students with a practical introduction to international arbitration, covering both commercial and investment arbitration procedures. The main procedural aspects of arbitral procedure, ranging from the choice of venue to arbitrator impartiality to annulment and enforcement of awards, are explained and analyzed with the benefit of practical examples taken both from jurisprudence and from the lawyer's personal experiences. Although the course is presented as a series of lectures, students are encouraged to participate and to take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions during the classes.

