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Summer Semester 2024

Course Title: International Conflicts: Basic and Current Issues (Seminar)

Professor: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Christina Binder

Objective : This seminar is both an opportunity and a challenge: students are requested to apply the knowledge gained in previous courses on the Law of Treaties as well as Legal Foundations of World. Participants will do research and then write and present a seminar paper (6.000-8.000 words) with the assistance of the instructor.

Teaching Method: Participants can pick a topic from a list offered by the instructor. They are expected to find the bulk of the material – literature and documents – themselves, although the instructor is ready to offer advice. Topics proposed by the instructor have been explained at the first meeting of the seminar in January.

Two general introductory presentations will be given by the instructor providing relevant basic information. Once a student has chosen a topic, he/she will be asked to send an outline to the instructor. This outline ought to contain the principal research questions/theses to be addressed, the main points in the order in which they will be covered, the method to be applied and the material to be used. The instructor's feedback will provide further guidance.

Discussants will be appointed to start the debate on the papers to be presented in May 2024. *Outlines of all papers will be exchanged at least one week before presentation in order to make discussions more focused.* When presenting their papers, students must not speak for more than fifteen minutes and are not allowed to read their manuscripts. Instead, they ought to present their main findings on the basis of written notes and/or power points. Each presentation will be followed by a debate.

Participants will have two weeks after this last seminar session for submitting their paper to the instructor, taking suggestions and critical remarks made by the latter and other students after the oral presentation into account.

Participants have to hand in their final papers by 31 May 2024.

Assessment Method

- A. The seminar paper together with its presentation in class will be worth 80% of the final course mark.
- B. Class participation is expected. It will be worth 20% of the final course mark.

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