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Theory and History of International Law

5.00 credits	30.0 h	Q1

Teacher(s)	Radi Yannick ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	From the perspective of legal theory and legal history, this course aims at unravelling and analyzing the dynamics that have shaped and are currently at play in international law. In light of their knowledge of the primary and secondary rules of international law, students get the opportunity to understand how political, and more generally, societal factors influence the features and content of international law. By the same token, this course shows how the international law epistemic community and the theories that it produces impact on this field. Equipped with this theoretical and historical toolbox, students are able to critically reflect upon the essence, function and evolution of international law.
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	final oral exam
Teaching methods	Interactive classes. Students shall be in the classroom. There will be no possibility to attend the sessions remotely.
Content	The course focuses on specific themes that are analyzed from a theoretical perspective and/or a historical perspective. It disentangles and analyzes the various factors of a societal, political and epistemic nature, that are relevant for the theme under study.
Faculty or entity in charge	BUDR

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)

Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Advanced Master in European Law	DREU2MC	5		
Master [120] in Law	DROI2M	5		
Advanced Master in International Law	DRIN2MC	5		
Master [120] in Law (shift schedule)	DRHD2M	5		
Master [120] in Law (shift schedule)	DRLN2M	5		