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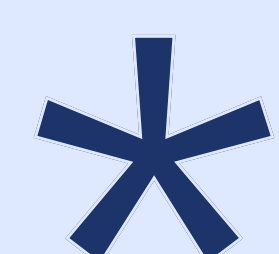
The news says international law is irrelevant.

Is it so, or are we just not skilled enough to use it?

To find out, Ukraine's University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" (NaUKMA) invites you to apply for an online certificate program:

From Warfare to Lawfare

Legal Responses to Atrocity Crimes and Other Violations of International Law



Learn from Ukrainian best scholars and practitioners about how international law really works and develops in time of war



Proposed Courses



- * Take any course of your interest or study three courses to receive a certificate.
- * Earn ECTS credits or audit a course without formal assessment.

Advanced International Criminal Law

Fall Semester 4 ECTS Dr Kateryna Busol

International Criminal Law (ICL) ensures individual criminal accountability for core international crimes - war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and the crime of aggression. Advanced ICL will address the more intricate dimensions of the field. The course will discuss often neglected harms and crimes such as conflict-related sexual and reproductive violence. It will also explore survivors' increasing procedural standing in atrocity trials, their right to reparations and expanded justice options, through universal jurisdiction proceedings.

Lawfare and Misuse of International Law

Fall Semester 3 ECTS Dr Dmytro Koval, Viktoriia Khalanchuk

This course aims to acquaint students with how international law is used by states in the current system of international relations. Students will be offered an overview of the main problems of misuse of international law and possible approaches to their explanation. The participants of the class will discuss the application and the added value of the concept of lawfare, the current trend to seek the symbolic results of the application of international law instead of substantive results. Other latest challenges for international law will be discussed, including but not limited to the existence of international law in the era of post-truth and alternative facts, the fulfillment of international obligations in the post-shame era etc.

Genocide Studies

Spring Semester 3 ECTS Dr Myroslava Antonovych

The course aims at familiarizing students with the development of the legal concept of genocide in international law and identifying cases of genocide. Students will compare and contrast cases of genocide in the 20th - beginning of 21st century. The course identifies problems in international law and world order that contribute to difficulties in preventing, intervening, and punishing for cases of genocide.

Current issues of International Humanitarian Law

Fall Semester 3 ECTS Dr Dmytro Koval, Volodymyr Hryshko

As one of the oldest branches of public international law, this course builds on students' prior knowledge of IHL fundamentals, with a view to strengthening and deepening their expertise in this field. We will focus, inter alia, on identifying armed conflict in ambiguous situations and during occupation. Drawing on contemporary armed conflicts, the course also explores emerging areas, including the protection of cultural property and the environment, as well as the implications of new technologies, such as artificial intelligence.

Transitional Justice

Spring Semester 3 ECTS Dr Kateryna Busol

Transitional justice (TJ) is a broad set of judicial and non-judicial measures aimed at supporting the societal recovery from traumatic events, accountability for international crimes and the gradual transition to a more sustainable and human-centric governance. TJ encompasses reparations, truth-telling, memorialisation policies, criminal prosecutions and institutional reforms designed to prevent the repetition of an armed conflict or an atrocity situation. The course will explore every listed component of TJ and critically examine approaches to their sequencing and harmonisation.

The Life and the Death of States

Spring Semester 3 ECTS Maksym Vishchyk, Jeremy Pizzi

This course embarks on a journey following an imagined sovereign state. The course analyses multiple important issues of statehood, namely how states fight for their existence and recognition, how they act in their best interests in concluding treaties, how they accept and avoid responsibility, how they treat their own nationals, how they combat various existential threats on the way, and - eventually - how they vanish. In the age of new emerging threats to statehood, including the growing number of interstate wars and acts of aggression, the course lays out and analyses international law tools to fight for your statehood and survive.

Course Conveners



Myroslava Antonovych

- Head of the Centre for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, Associate Professor (NaUKMA);
- Doctor of Legal Studies, Doctor Juris Habilitat, LL.M;
- Visiting scholar at Harvard, Oxford and other Universities across the globe;
- Former Judge ad hoc, European Court of Human Rights.



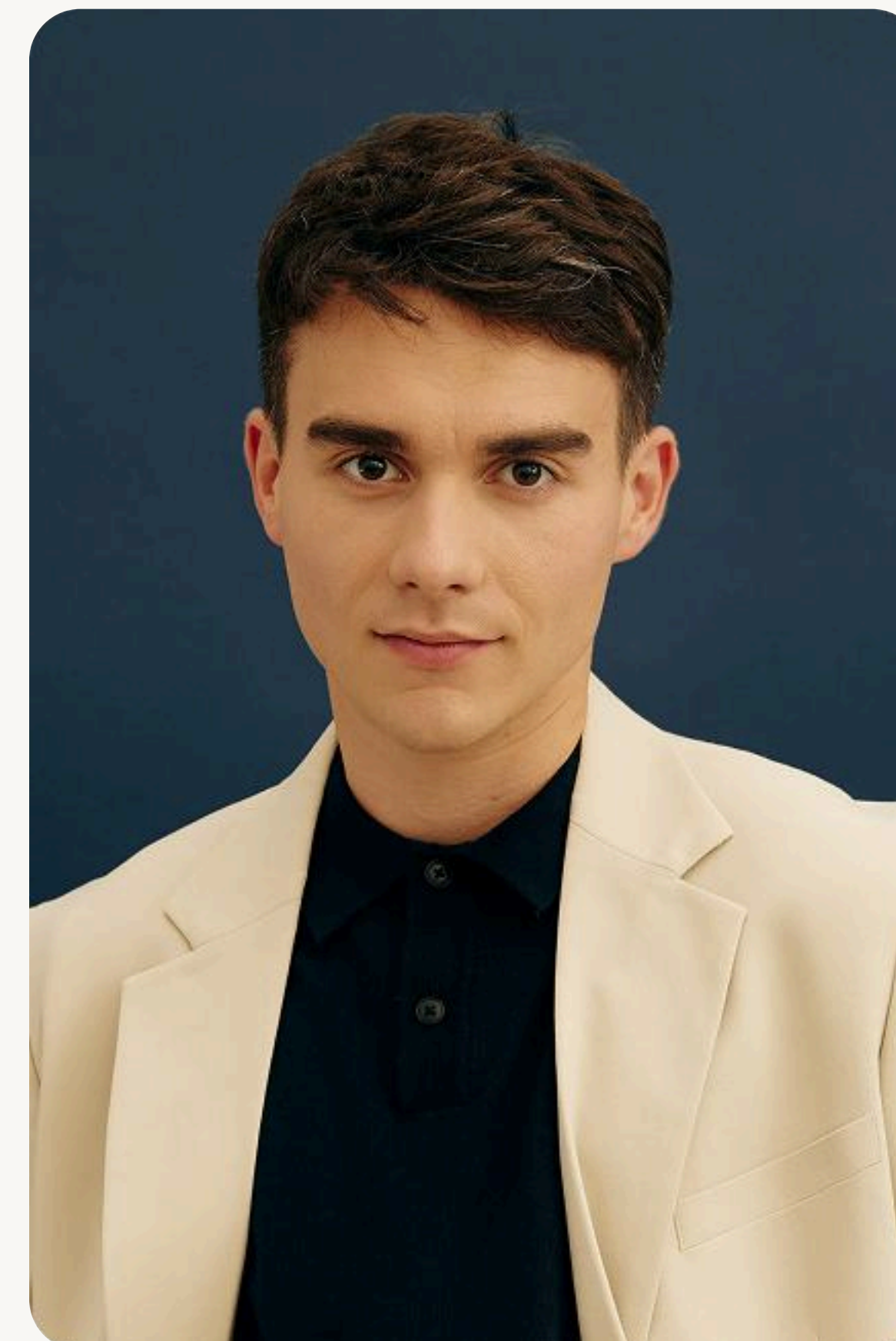
Kateryna Busol

- Associate Professor (NaUKMA), PhD in International Law;
- Legal Advisor, International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ);
- As a scholar and practitioner, works on conflict-related sexual violence, cultural heritage crimes, genocide, reparations and wider transitional justice;
- Former fellow at Chatham House and visiting professional at the ICC Office of the Prosecutor.



Dmytro Koval

- Associate Professor, Chair of International and European Law (NaUKMA), PhD in International Law;
- CEO of Truth Hounds;
- Board Member of the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize winner Center for Civil Liberties;
- Former UNESCO consultant and Ukraine's representative in the Protocol 1999 Committee (2021-2025);
- Has worked on issues of International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law in West and Central Asia, China and Ukraine.



Volodymyr Hryshko

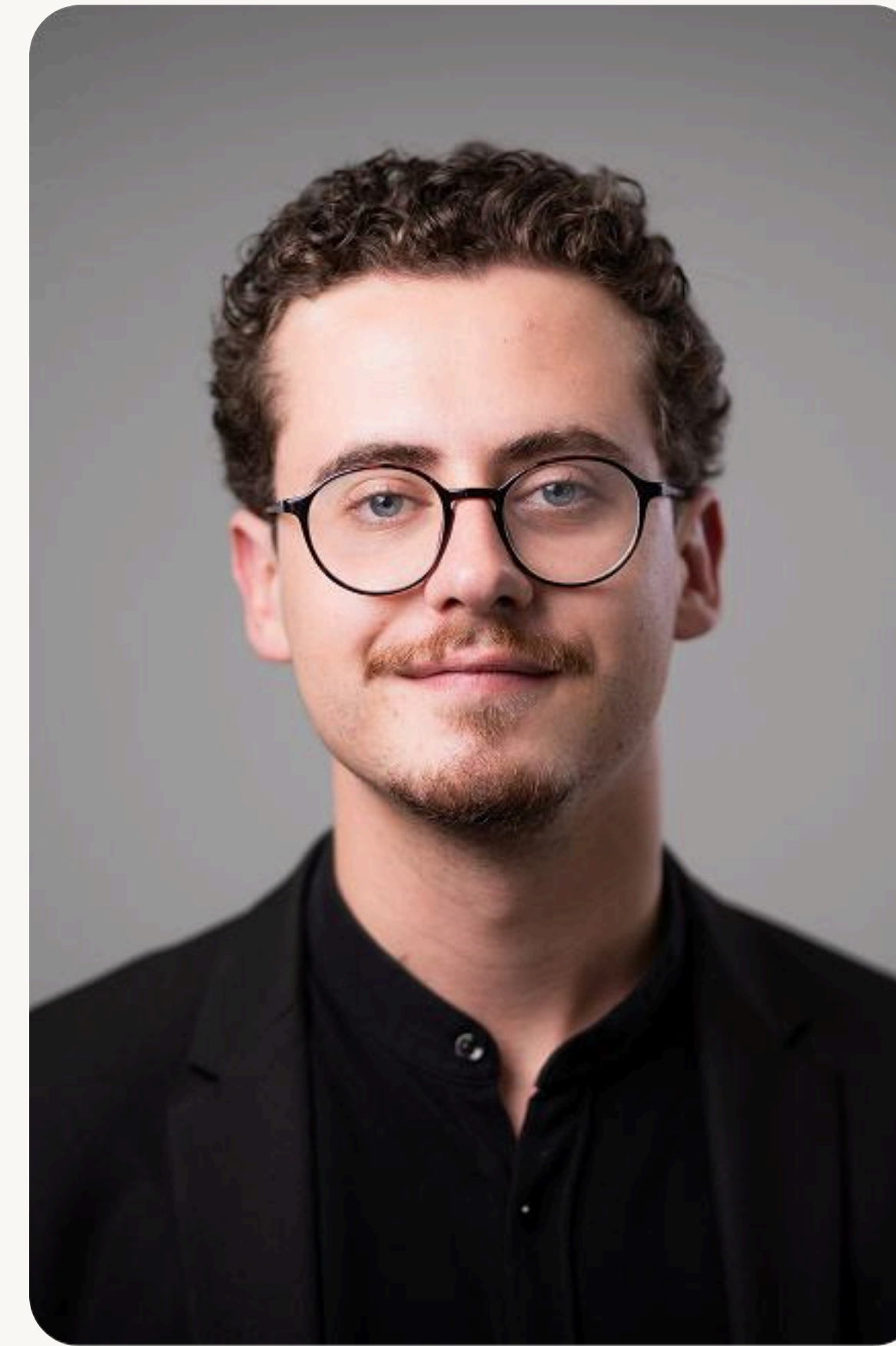
- Senior Lecturer (NaUKMA);
- Senior Legal Counsel at Truth Hounds;
- Specializes in Public International Law, particularly in International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, and the Law of State Responsibility;
- Finalist and Coach of Moot Court Competitions.

Course Conveners



Viktoriia Khalanchuk

- Senior Lecturer (NaUKMA);
- Holds Master-level degrees in Diplomatic Studies and Political Science from University of Oxford and NaUKMA;
- As a practitioner, has worked at the intersection of diplomacy, Ukraine’s foreign and domestic policy and international law across different public-sector institutions as well as served as a consultant to international organizations.



Maksym Vishchyk

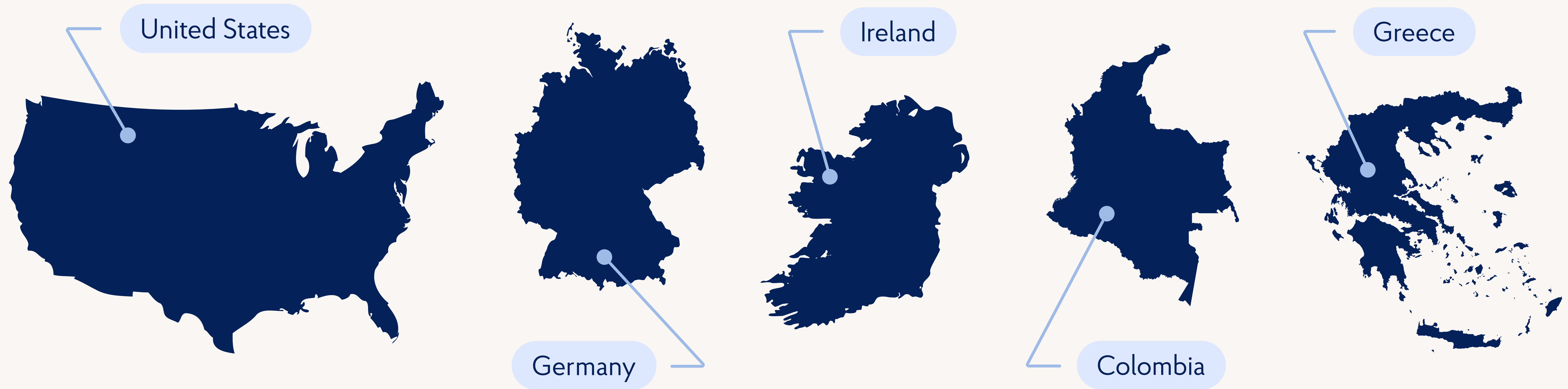
- Senior Lecturer (NaUKMA);
- Legal Advisor, Legal Research Coordinator and Deputy Mobile Justice Team Lead at Global Rights Compliance Foundation;
- Involved in projects aimed at strengthening Ukraine’s capacity to investigate and prosecute atrocity crimes, including Mobile Justice Teams as part of the international joint initiative “Atrocity Crimes Advisory Group”;
- PhD candidate with a research focus on the crime of genocide.



Jeremy Pizzi

- Legal Advisor at Global Rights Compliance Foundation;
- As a member of the Mobile Justice Teams, he is currently assisting conflict-related investigations and prosecutions of international crimes;
- Has experience working as a legal consultant with the Canadian Partnership for International Justice, in Defence and in Chambers at the International Criminal Court as well as for the United Nations Mine Action Service.





Our alumni contribute to advancing accountability and the rule of law worldwide. They work with organizations engaged in human rights protection, international justice, policy analysis, and the documentation of international crimes, as well as in academia and journalism. Through their professional work, they help shape public debates, support legal accountability for international crimes, and strengthen institutions committed to justice and human rights.

What do our students say?

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The Advanced International Criminal Law course offers outstanding academic quality and highly relevant, well-structured content in international criminal law. The guest speakers were exceptionally valuable ... It is absolutely worth stepping out of one's comfort zone and participating actively.

The Lawfare and Misuse of International Law course is highly valuable not only for law students, but especially for NGOs and journalists ... Since taking part in the course, I regularly recognize how international law is strategically used in media narratives and political statements. It has fundamentally sharpened my understanding of contemporary international debates.



Cindy from Germany

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In general, it's been a great experience, with relevant lectures and top teachers. I wasn't completely sure of what to expect when I first enrolled, but it has been up to any expectations I could've had.



Juan from Colombia

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Participating in the program gave me a deep and structured insight into the world of international law. The professional exchange and discussion of different views helped me in my work and increased my own awareness.



Tobias from Germany





The program is open to graduate students, early-career researchers, and practitioners interested in international law, human rights, and accountability for international crimes.

1 ECTS credit:

85 USD

or

80 EUR

Students from partner universities
may participate free of charge

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