

NEW GLOBAL GOVERNANCE COURSES: FALL 2008

INTL 1700 International Law

I. Porras, I hour

This introduction to public international law covers the nature of legal reasoning in international relations, the interplay of international law and international politics, and the international legal process. Examines selected substantive fields such as state responsibility, the use of force, international human rights, and the U.S. and international law. For juniors and seniors. Prerequisite: POLS 0400.

INTL 1800J Identity, Rights and Conflict

V. Nesiiah, P hour

Engages with debates over identity and rights. The course studies the international human rights field's engagement with questions of identity and justice in relation to contemporary debates on culture and nation. Course material will include theoretical material on the normative, legal and policy challenges that inhere in grappling with collective claims for recognition and redistribution, along side case studies from around the world, from Rwanda to India to the US. The case studies will provide a window into a range of issues that include minority rights and multiculturalism, the self-determination claims of indigenous peoples and minority nationalisms, transitional justice and legacies of racial violence and genocide.

INTL 1800L International Law of Sustainable Development

I. Porras, Q hour

Designed to introduce students to the basic issues and concepts particular to international environmental law and sustainable development and explore the underlying conflicts. At the heart of the subject are issues of global justice and the special challenges posed to the international community by shared and finite natural resources. We will focus on the institutional legal frameworks that have been developed to protect the global commons; on the relationship between consumption, pollution, and the liberalization of trade; on the tension between the desire to protect the environment and the developmental aspirations of the South; and we will examine the respective role and responsibilities of governments, international institutions, private economic actors and non governmental organizations in characterizing and addressing issues of importance to sustainable development. No law background is assumed. Seminar should be of interest to students interested in international law, environmental protection, development and globalization.