

# SEEP SYLLABUS

<b>Course title:</b>	International & European Law, Institutions and Governance			
<b>Teacher(s):</b>	Verena Madner, Stefan Mayr			
<b>Course credit:</b>	ECTS: 8		Hours per week: 3	
<b>Semester</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S1	<input type="checkbox"/> S2	<input type="checkbox"/> S3	<input type="checkbox"/> S4
<b>Expected prior knowledge</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Teaching method(s):</b>				
<b>Type(s) of evaluation:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exam		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written report	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Participation / Presentation		<input type="checkbox"/> Group project	
	Other	Self-assessment, peer assessment		
<b>Short course description</b>	<p>The course introduces students to key issues of European and international law, institutions and governance. Taking into account students' diverse backgrounds, it provides an introduction to the foundations of European and international law and institutions in a wide range of fields, including human rights, the environment, international trade and investment, European integration (and disintegration) and multi-level governance in the EU. Throughout the course we will also focus on the role of courts and on issues of democratic legitimacy in various contexts.</p> <p>You will gain sound knowledge of foundations of European and international law, institutions and governance. You will understand how international agreements in various fields function and how they interact with other legal systems. You will gain insights into international and EU institutions and learn about some current attempts at institutional reform. You will better understand the relevance of law in the context of socio-ecological transformations and the function and constraints of law as a regulatory tool. Moreover, you will be able to analyze and evaluate existing institutional arrangements and governance structures and develop ideas for alternative approaches.</p> <p>You will improve your writing skills and will be able to develop and present arguments in academic discussions. You will be able to reflect critically on academic and policy papers and present complex topics in a concise manner. Finally, you will be better able to reflect on your own performance and to give constructive peer-feedback.</p>			
<b>Topics (summary keywords)</b>	Global governance; multi-level governance; international law-making; European integration and disintegration; environment; human rights; international trade; international investment; democracy; democratic legitimacy; rule of law			
<b>Selected readings:</b>	There is no textbook for this class. Lectures introduce students to new topics and are accompanied by core readings; specific readings are assigned for the interactive sessions and/or study reports.			

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A good introduction to international law and the negotiation of international agreements (with a focus on environmental law) is provided by:

- Bodansky, D. (2011), *Negotiating Agreements*. In: *The Art and Craft of International Environmental Law*. Harvard: University Press.

Two succinct introductions for students who are not familiar with the EU and EU law, are:

- Arnull, A. (2017) *European Union Law: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: OUP.
- Usherwood, S. and Pinder, J. (2018) *The European Union: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: OUP.

For a more advanced discussion of European integration theories:

- Hooghe, L. and Marks, G. (2019) Grand theories of European integration in the twenty-first century. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 26:8, 1113-1133.