**International Law I**

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This course is divided into two semesters. In the first half we will learn the main subjects of international law including its development and history, the sources of international law – especially international treaties and the subjects of international law including states, international institutions and individuals. More topical subjects such as the law of sea, law of conflicts, environmental law, etc. are reserved for the next semester.

Normally the course would be run as a seminar and the students would be expected to participate in the discussions in the course. However, because of the pandemic the course will be run on the internet with less direct communication and lesser duration than usual courses. Nevertheless, the students are still encouraged to critically analyze the topics – not just reading the materials. Students should especially evaluate the topics by taking contemporary developments into consideration and think about how we could explain global and international affairs through the lenses of international law.

**Reading Materials**

Malcolm N. Shaw, *International Law, Sixth Edition*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

The eighth edition of Shaw’s book is translated into Turkish by TÜBA, so if the student wants to read it in Turkish they can download it via <http://www.tuba.gov.tr/files/yayinlar/ders-kitaplari/Uluslararas%C4%B1Hukuk.pdf>. Nevertheless, the course will be run in English so it is highly recommended to follow the course in English.

Hüseyin Pazarcı, *Uluslararası Hukuk, 16. Bası*, Ankara: Turhan Kitabevi, 2019.

Because Shaw’s book primarily relies on examples from the Anglo-Saxon world, it is beneficial to follow the course through a Turkish book to see examples of the international law issues Turkey faces. Pazarcı’s book is also well-structured and organized which would help the students to understand some subjects that may sound confusing in Shaw’s book.

**Course Outline**

Week 1: The Nature and Development of International Law – Shaw, Chapter 1

Week 2: International Law and Domestic Law – Chapter 4

Week 3: Sources of International Law – Shaw, Chapter 3

Week 4: The Law of Treaties – Shaw, Chapter 16

Week 5: Subjects of International Law – Shaw, Chapter 5

Week 6: Recognition – Shaw, Chapter 9

Week 7: Territory – Shaw, Chapter 10

Week 8: The Law of Sea – Shaw, Chapter 11

Mid-Term Exam

Week 9: State Jurisdiction – Shaw, Chapter 12

Week 10: Immunities from Jurisdiction – Shaw, Chapter 13

Week 11: State Responsibility – Shaw, Chapter 14

Week 12: State Succession – Shaw, Chapter 17

Week 13: International Institutions – Shaw, Chapter 23

Week 14: United Nations – Shaw, Chapter 22

Final Exam