

UNIVERSITY OF  
LUCERNE

FACULTY OF LAW

# COURSES IN ENGLISH

SPRING 2026–2027



# Welcome to the University of Lucerne

Dear Incoming Students

Welcome to the Faculty of Law at the University of Lucerne. You have taken a courageous step in your academic career by choosing to spend the spring semester of 2026 at a foreign university, a decision that will be rewarded with unique opportunities both academically and socially.

The Law Faculty of Lucerne offers one of the broadest ranges of law courses in English at Master's level in Switzerland. Students enjoy the freedom of choice between multiple courses clustered mainly in the fields of human rights and international economic law, which are taught by renowned Swiss and international lecturers. You will have the opportunity to deepen your understanding of the law in several different fields and profit from a vibrant learning environment.

Importantly, we would like to draw your attention to our exceptional **Global Legal Studies (GLS)** Certificate Program in the fields of International Economic Law, Human Rights and Sustainability. The GLS Program is specifically tailored to our incoming students at Master's level. The GLS Certificate adds value to your professional profile and will allow you to gain unique insights into the law and practice of global law and earn an additional qualification.

We sincerely hope that you will make the best of these opportunities and prepare for the next steps in your career path.

On the following pages you will find an overview and the detailed descriptions of our courses in English language as well as useful information on contacts and the core semester dates.



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## **Core Semester Dates**

### **Spring Semester 2026**

Mon	16 Feb 2026	Carnival / no courses
Tue	17 Feb 2026	Start of courses
Fri – Sun	03 – 12 Apr 2026	Easter Break / no courses
Thu	14 May 2026	Ascension Day / no courses
Fri	22 May 2026	End of courses

Examinations for Courses in English

26 May – 5 June 2026

Examinations for Courses in German

08 June – 26 June 2026

### **Fall Semester 2026**

Fri	11 Sep 2026	Incoming Welcome Event
Mon	14 Sep 2026	Start of courses
Fri	02 Oct 2026	St Leodegar / no courses
Thu	22 Oct 2026	Dies Academicus / no courses in the morning
Tue	08 Dec 2026	Immaculate Conception / no courses
Fri	11 Dec 2026	End of courses

Examinations for Courses in English

09 – 22 Dec 2026

Examinations for Courses in German

05 – 25 Jan 2027

Details see: <https://www.unilu.ch/law/exams>

# **Guidelines Governing the Certificate Programme Global Legal Studies: International Economic Law, Human Rights and Sustainability**

of 29 May 2017

*The Faculty of Law,*

based on § 19 section 2 and § 57 section 1 of the Study and Examination Regulations (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung, StuPO) of 28 September 2016 of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lucerne

*decrees:*

## **§ 1 Subject of the Guidelines**

These Guidelines govern the Certificate Programme «Global Legal Studies: International Economic Law, Human Rights and Sustainability» (hereinafter «GLS»). The Study and Examination Regulations (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung) of 28 September 2016 are fully applicable.

## **§ 2 Scope and Aim of the GLS Programme**

<sup>1</sup> The GLS programme is an educational offer of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lucerne that forms part of its Master programme. It does not lead to the grant of a specific degree but is meant to acknowledge a certain specialisation in the field of global legal studies.

<sup>2</sup> The GLS programme consolidates the English language courses offered at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lucerne.

## **§ 3 Structure and Content of the GLS Programme**

<sup>1</sup> The GLS programme is an «à la carte» programme. Students can choose from all English language courses offered. The requirements for admission, attendance and evaluation of each specific course apply. All courses are assessed and need to be awarded a passing grade in order for credit to be granted.

<sup>2</sup> The course offer is published each year for the forthcoming two semesters. The updated information is made available under: [www.unilu.ch/courses-in-english](http://www.unilu.ch/courses-in-english)

## **§ 4 Admission and Fees**

<sup>1</sup> The GLS programme is open for regular Lucerne students matriculated in the Master programme and officially admitted exchange students from partner universities.

<sup>2</sup> No additional fees apply.

## **§ 5 Award of a Certificate**

<sup>1</sup> A minimum of 5 courses equivalent to a minimum of 25 ECTS credits must be successfully completed in the framework of the GLS programme for the award of the dedicated certificate.

<sup>2</sup> Credits earned for the GLS certificate cannot be counted as part of the Faculty of Law's Master Profiles, as specified by the Guidelines to Study and Examination Regulations (Wegleitung zur Studien- und Prüfungsordnung) of 12 September 2016.

<sup>3</sup> The Certificate is awarded by the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lucerne, if all the requirements of the programme have been fulfilled. The Certificate to be awarded will read *Certificate in «Global Legal Studies: International Economic Law, Human Rights and Sustainability»*.

## **§ 6 Entry into Force of the GLS Guidelines**

The present Guidelines shall enter into force on 1st August 2017.

Lucerne, 29 May 2017

On behalf of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lucerne

Prof. Dr. Bernhard Rütsche  
Dean

## Courses in English, Spring 2026 - Spring 2027

Courses	Professor	Credits	Spring 26	Fall 26	Spring 27
<b>Master</b>					
Anti-Terrorism Law	Eran Fish, PhD, LL.M	5	X		*(X)
Climate Justice <sup>1</sup>	Asst.-Prof. Markus Schreiber	5	X		(X)
Competition Law and Regulation in Emerging Technology Markets	Prof. Max Baumgart	5	X		(X)
Copyright in the Digital Age (Workshop)	Prof. Mira Burri	5	X		(X)
Current Issues in Human Rights Law (Workshop)	Prof. Martina Caroni	5	X		(X)
English for Law and Business (Advanced) (for non-native speakers only)	PD Dr. Gordon Millar	3		(X)	
European Economic Law	Prof. Sebastian Heselhaus	5		(X)	
International Arbitration	Prof. Daniel Girsberger	5		(X)	
International Banking & Capital Market Regulation <sup>2</sup>	Prof. Franca Contratto	5			
International Economic Law <sup>3</sup>	Prof. Mira Burri Prof. Nicolas Diebold	5			(X)
International Environmental Law (Block Course)	Prof. Thilo Marauhn	5		(X)	
International Human Rights Law	Prof. Martina Caroni	5		(X)	
International Humanitarian Law	Prof. Martina Caroni	5	X		(X)
International Intellectual Property Law <sup>4</sup>	Prof. Mira Burri	5			
International Law of Contemporary Media <sup>4</sup>	Prof. Mira Burri	5			
International Migration Law	Dr. Stephanie Motz	5	X		(X)
International Sports Law	lic. iur. Michele Bernasconi	5		(X)	
Internet Law	Prof. Mira Burri	5	X		(X)

\* (X) = expected offer

<sup>1</sup> Replaces "Klimaklagen". The exam for the lecture "Climate Justice" can only be taken if credits have not already been earned in the subject "Klimaklagen".

<sup>2</sup> Next offer: to be defined.

<sup>3</sup> Replaces "International Trade Law". The exam for the lecture "International Economic Law" can only be taken if credits have not already been earned in the subject "International Trade Law".

<sup>4</sup> Next offer: Fall 2027.

Courses	Professor	Credits	Spring 26	Fall 26	Spring 27
Introduction to Swiss Law (for incoming exchange students only)	Professors Mathis / Rodriguez / Thommen (Spring 26)	5	X	X	X
Introduction to U.S. Law	Eran Fish, PhD, LL.M	5		(X)	
Law and Economics (Workshop)	Prof. Klaus Mathis	5	X		(X)
Law and Justice in Literature and Film	Dr. Steven Howe	3	X		(X)
Law and Society in a Global Context	Prof. Vagias Karavas	5		(X)	
Law of Sustainable Development	Prof. Klaus Mathis	5	X		(X)
Private Law EU-CH	PD Dr. Dirk Trüten	5	X		(X)
Public International Law (Workshop)	Prof. Martina Caroni	5		(X)	

Moot Courts					
Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition (HPMCC)	Prof. Sebastian Heselhaus	18		(X)	
Willem C. Vis Moot Court	Asst.-Prof. Oliver William Roxane Schmidgall, MLaw	18		(X)	

Guest Courses					
Ultimate penalties: How societies respond to their most serious crimes	Dr. Catherine Appleton Norwegian University of Science and Technology, N	2	X		
The Law and Economics of Behavioral Regulation	Prof. Avishalom Tor Notre Dame Law School, USA	2		(X)	
U.S. Constitutional and Public Law in Practice	Prof. Anuj Desai Wisconsin Law School, USA	2	X		

Summer School (3 weeks in July)					
Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation	Prof. Sebastian Heselhaus et al.	7	X		(X)



# Detailed Descriptions of the Courses, Spring 2026 – Spring 2027

Find the most up-to-date information in the [electronic course finder](#).

## Anti-Terrorism Law

<i>Professor:</i>	Eran Fish, PhD, LL.M.
<i>Dates:</i>	Spring
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	The aim of this course is to introduce students to the jurisprudential, doctrinal, and moral aspects of counter-terrorism law. The course will take a broad international and theoretical perspective. We will ask, among other things, what counts as terrorism, legally speaking, what is the right legal framework for addressing it, and how to reconcile our conflicting commitments to public security and to human rights. Though the course will be conducted as a series of lectures, students are warmly encouraged to participate in the discussion.
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	None.
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	By the end of the course, students will be familiar with the central court decisions and theoretical literature in anti-terrorism law, and will be able to analyse complex problems in the field.
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	2 hours a week
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Written exam (open book) / 5 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	eran.fish@doz.unilu.ch
<i>Material:</i>	Reading materials will be uploaded on OLAT.

## Climate Justice

<i>Professor:</i>	Asst.-Prof. Markus Schreiber
<i>Dates:</i>	Spring
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	For some time now, there have increasingly been attempts to take legal action to combat climate change. In addition to specific legal claims, these court proceedings pursue political goals by generating public and media attention. The interactive lecture explains the different types of "climate litigation" against companies and states and outlines the legal challenges that arise in each case with regard to their prospects of success. International and domestic court proceedings from Switzerland and other countries will be analysed and discussed. In addition, the extent to which "climate litigation" affects the division of powers between the legislative and executive branches on the one hand and the judiciary on the other will be examined.
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	None.
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	Students gain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- knowledge of the different types of "climate litigation"</li> <li>- an understanding of the legal challenges these lawsuits are faced with</li> <li>- an understanding of the impact such lawsuits have on the separation of powers</li> <li>- the ability to analyse court cases in the context of climate change and discuss them with their peers</li> </ul>
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	2 hours a week
<i>Language:</i>	English

<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Graded written exam (closed book, BYOD) / 5 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	markus.schreiber@unilu.ch

Literature

#### What's indispensable?

- Course reader "Climate Justice" (available at the Studiladen and via OLAT);
- PowerPoint Slides for the lectures (provided via OLAT).

#### Legislation required for the exam

None.

## Competition Law and Regulation in Emerging Technology Markets

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Dr. Max Baumgart
<i>Dates:</i>	Spring
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	This course introduces students to the foundations of competition law and regulatory approaches in the context of emerging technologies with a focus on digital and clean technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain and green hydrogen. It examines how disruptive innovations challenge established market structures and regulatory frameworks. Building on theoretical foundations of regulation and competition law as a market-harnessing tool, the course explores regulatory goals, strategies and principles, including experimental and co-regulation, soft law and the so-called Collingridge dilemma. The central provisions of competition law – anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominance, mergers and acquisitions – are studied from comparative perspectives (Switzerland, EU, US, China), along with the interplay between competition law, intellectual property, and state aid. Case studies focus on digital markets, clean energy markets (e.g. green hydrogen, solar PV, wind), biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries, allowing students to apply legal and regulatory concepts to real-world developments. The course is interactive, with student presentations and case discussions, and concludes with a synthesis of insights on how regulation and competition law can best address challenges in fast-moving technology-driven markets.
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	Basic knowledge of public and/or economic law.
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	By the end of the course students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- explain the main theories, objectives and principles of regulation and competition law in the context of emerging technologies;</li> <li>- analyze the challenges posed by disruptive innovation for traditional market structures and legal frameworks;</li> <li>- compare regulatory and competition law approaches across jurisdictions (Switzerland, EU, US, China);</li> <li>- critically assess case studies in digital, energy, biotech and pharma markets;</li> <li>- discuss and evaluate different regulatory strategies, including experimental regulation, self-regulation and soft law;</li> <li>- present and defend their own analyses of regulatory and competition law issues in emerging technology markets.</li> </ul>
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	2 hours a week
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Graded oral exam; students may earn bonus points through integrated presentations. / 5 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	max.baumgart@unilu.ch
<i>Material:</i>	Slides and additional course materials will be made available on OLAT.

### What's indispensable?

- Access to relevant statutory texts and case law.

## Copyright in the Digital Age (Block Course)

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Mira Burri
<i>Dates:</i>	Spring
<i>Course Type:</i>	Workshop
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>Digital technologies and the Internet in particular have triggered disruptive changes in long-established modes of creating, distributing and using works, ranging from literature and music to scientific publications and computer software. International and national copyright law has adapted, at least partially, in an attempt to reflect these changes. Yet, the jury is still out on whether these changes are appropriate and there is an intense ongoing debate on the proper scope of copyright and the means of its enforcement in the digital space. On the one side, there are strong voices, especially from the entertainment industries, that claim that the digital revolution has seriously undermined copyright protection that is essential to encourage the creation and distribution of new works. On the counter side, there are those who believe that strong and ever stronger copyright protection in fact inhibits technological innovation, hampers creativity and chills freedom of expression.</p> <p>It is the purpose of this workshop to clarify the stakes in this debate and thematize the challenges that stand before policy- and rule-makers in the field of digital copyright law. It will use current developments, such as US copyright cases on fair use, or questions about the liability of Internet intermediaries, and discuss the law and practice at the international level and in selected national jurisdictions (US, EU and Switzerland). The topic of copyright and artificial intelligence will also figure prominently, as to reflect the latest challenges and needed legal adaptation.</p>
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	No specific prerequisites; knowledge in intellectual property law is an asset but not a requirement.
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Furthering of the understanding, the application of knowledge and professional judgment in the field of copyright law, in particular as to its application to digital media.</li><li>- By the end of the course, students will be able to frame and independently assess current developments in digital copyright law, to actively engage in debates and formulate legal opinions on the topic based on acquired knowledge of national and international law and practice, as well as contemporary legal scholarship.</li><li>- Students will acquire additional presentation and writing skills and learn to engage in scholarly debate on a legal topic.</li></ul>
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	Introductory and wrap-up lectures; workshop
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Combined grade based on a written paper and a paper presentation. Each student will write a short paper on a selected topic, present it in class and engage in a subsequent debate. Working in groups of up to 4 students is also possible. Further information on the modalities will be provided on OLAT before the start of the course. / 5 Cr
<i>Limitation:</i>	24 students The participation in all parts of the workshop, including the introductory lecture, is mandatory.
<i>Registration:</i>	Registration/deregistration mandatory on the "UniPortal"
<i>Contact:</i>	<a href="mailto:mira.burri@unilu.ch">mira.burri@unilu.ch</a>
<i>Notice:</i>	Information about the course will be made available on OLAT.
<i>Material:</i>	There is no particular script or textbook needed for the course. The relevant readings will be provided electronically and made available on OLAT. The different topics, papers' research questions and outlines will be discussed in personal and group interviews with the course convenor, who will provide additional dedicated literature and guidance.

## Current Issues in Human Rights Law - Workshop

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Martina Caroni
<i>Dates:</i>	Spring
<i>Course Type:</i>	Workshop
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>Climate change caused by human activity has a profound and growing impact on the enjoyment of a wide range of human rights – including the rights to life, food, water, housing, and an adequate standard of living. This workshop explores the complex and evolving relationship between human rights and climate change from various legal and normative perspectives. The workshop is divided into two parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the first part of the semester, students choose an individual topic related to the overall theme and develop it through independent research. After an initial organisational meeting, there are no weekly sessions; instead, students receive individual supervision from Prof. Martina Caroni and her team.</li> <li>- In the second part of the semester, weekly sessions are held for the presentation and discussion of the students' research findings. Active participation, critical reflection, and a willingness to engage with current developments at the intersection of human rights and climate change are expected.</li> </ul>
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	Basic knowledge of international human rights law and/or international humanitarian law recommended (but not a requirement)
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	<p>By the end of the workshop, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- identify and explain key human rights affected by climate change,</li> <li>- analyse the legal frameworks and normative debates at the intersection of human rights law and environmental challenges,</li> <li>- conduct independent research on a self-chosen topic within the workshop theme,</li> <li>- present and defend their findings in a clear and structured manner,</li> <li>- and critically reflect on the role and limitations of human rights law in addressing global environmental crises.</li> </ul>
<i>Weekly Hours:</i>	2 hours a week
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Grade based on class participation (1/3), presentation (1/3) and the paper (1/3) / 5 Cr
<i>Limitation:</i>	12 students
<i>Registration:</i>	Registration/deregistration mandatory on the "UniPortal"
<i>Contact:</i>	lehrstuhl.caroni@unilu.ch

## English for Law and Business (Advanced) - (Non-Legal Course)

<i>Professor:</i>	PD Dr. Gordon Millar
<i>Dates:</i>	Fall
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>The nine sessions will be allocated to the following topics. Each topic will be exemplified with the help of a case/cases or an appropriate document.</p> <p>Session 1: Legal Framework (knowledge of the common law)</p> <p>Session 2: Legal Analysis and Argument (identifying and formulating legal issues, synthesising legal arguments, criticising legal arguments)</p> <p>Session 3: Presenting Legal Arguments (the debating society culture, separating self and role)</p> <p>Session 4: Legal Ethics (the language of ethics and policy)</p> <p>Session 5: Business and the Law I (the language of tort and contract)</p> <p>Session 6: Business and the Law II (the language of trusts)</p> <p>Session 7: Management thinkers in English</p>

	<p>Session 8: Creative Construction: business strategy and design</p> <p>Session 9: Creative Destruction: innovation and change</p> <p>Information about the assessment, a take-home activity, will be given in Session 8.</p>
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	English from level B2; no native speakers admitted
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	In order to make the best out of an exchange semester, a double degree or an LLM in an Anglo-American context, preparation and acclimatisation is of great benefit. The same goes for a job start in an English-speaking context. This course aims to familiarise students with the legal and business English concepts, lexis and communication skills necessary to an effective start into an English-speaking experience.
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	9 sessions of 2 hours each
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Paper, passed/failed (with grade) / 3 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	gordon.millar@doz.unilu.ch

## European Economic Law

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Sebastain Heselhaus
<i>Dates:</i>	Fall
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	The European Union ist the biggest «neighbour» of Switzerland and the biggest trading partner. Many of the EU economic laws have direct or indirect effects on Swiss enterprises. Therefore, an indepth analysis of the EU economic laws is an important asset for future Swiss lawyers as counselors for Swiss enterprises. The lecture will cover the economic fundamental freedoms and will i.a. explain how they changed the economic organisation of football by the UEFA. Further, issues of state aid, which will influence future bilateral treaties, will be adressed. In addition, the lecture will give an indepth analysis of EU competition law. In this area the EU has issued decisions with implications (esp. fines) for foreign companies as well: e.g. Swiss based or US based like Microsoft. Last but not least, the lecture will address «side» issues with a heavy impact even in Switzerland, like the data protection laws.
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	None
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knowledge of the regulatory approaches of EU economic law, especially economic fundamental freedoms and competition laws</li> <li>- Understanding the legal chances of Swiss enterprises doing bussines in the EU</li> <li>- Understanding the implications of EU economic law on foreign enterprises</li> <li>- Knowledge of the requirements of EU data protection laws</li> </ul>
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	2 hours a week
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Material:</i>	Slides as well as additional materials for the lecture will be available on OLAT.
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Oral or closed book exam according to number of participants / 5 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	sebastian.heselhaus@unilu.ch

## International Arbitration

<b>Professor:</b>	Prof. Daniel Girsberger
<b>Dates:</b>	Fall
<b>Course Type:</b>	Lecture with exercises
<b>Course Description:</b>	International arbitration has firmly established itself in dispute resolution as a private form of adjudication existing alongside the jurisdiction of the state courts. Switzerland is a popular venue for arbitration in particular for commercial, investment, sports and domestic arbitration.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Basic knowledge of Civil Procedure and Commercial Law
<b>Course Objectives:</b>	The aim of this course is to convey the principles and types of arbitration (with an emphasis on commercial arbitration, but also investment and sports arbitration) and to foster an understanding of how arbitration works in concrete cases.
<b>Weekly hours:</b>	2 hours a week
<b>Language:</b>	English; German knowledge not required.
<b>Examination Mode / Credits:</b>	Written or oral exam / 5 Cr
<b>Contact:</b>	daniel.girsberger@unilu.ch
<b>Course Materials:</b>	The course will be mainly based on the following book: <i>Daniel Girsberger / Nathalie Voser, International Arbitration – Comparative and Swiss Perspectives, 5th ed. 2024 (Zurich, Schulthess)</i> . Further materials required will be announced at the beginning of the course.

### Literature

- DANIEL GIRSBERGER/NATHALIE VOSER, *International Arbitration in Switzerland*, 5th ed., Zürich (Schulthess) 2023.
- Further required materials will be announced at the beginning of the course.

The recommended literature will be available at the "Studiladen".

### Legislation required for the exam

The necessary laws and rules will be made available to participants at the beginning of the lecture.

## International Banking & Capital Market Regulation

<b>Professor:</b>	Prof. Franca Contratto
<b>Dates:</b>	To be defined
<b>Course Type:</b>	Lecture
<b>Course Description:</b>	<p>This course gives an overview of the international regulatory framework for banks and capital markets. It conveys the economic, legal, and geopolitical foundations necessary to understand the key pillars of today's «architecture» for global financial markets. The course program is based on the key body of current international standards (Basel Committee on Banking Supervision/BCBS, Financial Stability Board/FSB, International Commission of Securities Regulators/IOSCO, etc.) and analyses the challenges of their implementation in the jurisdictions of leading financial centres in the world (namely the EU, UK, US, Hong Kong &amp; Singapore).</p> <p>The course not only covers the classical elements of international financial regulation (banking supervision, capital market regulation, enforcement &amp; sanctions), but also sheds light on various «hot topics», such as climate change and green finance, digital finance and cryptocurrencies as well as current trends in enforcement, such as internal investigations, whistleblower protection and the «globalisation of class actions».</p>
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<p>The course does not require any particular prior knowledge, except for a good command of English.</p> <p>For students who have previously attended the course «Finanz-markrecht», this course offers the opportunity to deepen their understanding of regulatory</p>



<b>Course Objectives:</b>	<p>approaches to banks and capital markets in a global context, to critically reflect on their previous knowledge of Swiss law with comparative law analyses, and thus to prepare for a practical activity in this challenging legal field.</p> <p>The key goals of this course are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foster a deep understanding of the legal, economic and political challenges of regulating and supervising banks and capital market transactions in a global context.</li> <li>- Enable students to identify market failures in the global financial system and to critically assess various regulatory approaches to correct them.</li> <li>- Raise awareness of differing regulatory approaches in various jurisdictions through comparative legal analysis and reflections on the role of regulatory and legal «culture».</li> <li>- Familiarise students with current issues that will shape the future design of global financial regulation.</li> </ul>
<b>Weekly hours:</b>	2 hours a week
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Examination Mode / Credits:</b>	Oral exam / 5 Cr
<b>Contact:</b>	franca.contratto@unilu.ch
<b>Notice:</b>	No specific textbook will be required. All relevant information on the course, including a detailed syllabus as well as all course materials and readings will be available for download on OLAT. Students are responsible for keeping updated on potential changes of the syllabus and/or class dates and times announced on OLAT.

## International Economic Law

<b>Professor:</b>	Prof. Mira Burri Prof. Nicolas Diebold
<b>Dates:</b>	Spring 2027
<b>Course Type:</b>	Lecture
<b>Course Description:</b>	will follow
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	will follow
<b>Course Objectives:</b>	will follow
<b>Weekly hours:</b>	2 hours a week
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Examination Mode / Credits:</b>	will follow / 5 Cr
<b>Contact:</b>	nicolas.diebold@unilu.ch mira.burri@unilu.ch

## International Environmental Law (with a particular focus on biodiversity law)

<b>Professor:</b>	Prof. Thilo Marauhn
<b>Dates:</b>	Fall
<b>Course Type:</b>	Block Course
<b>Course Description:</b>	International environmental law has been one of the fastest growing areas of public international law. Originally created by States for States to address problems arising between States, it has moved beyond this and has become part of global governance. This course offers a critical account of the history, key concepts, governance structures and regulatory techniques of this branch of public international law. In order to get a better idea of the functioning of international environmental law, and of its relevance for the application at the regional and national level, we will focus upon the protection of fauna and flora, and on biodiversity law. We will conduct

	exemplary studies on selected topics to better understand the interplay of national, regional and universal law.
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	Basic knowledge of international law
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To understand governance structures and regulatory techniques of international environmental law</li> <li>2. To understand key concepts of international environmental law</li> <li>3. To know important multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)</li> </ol>
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	Block Course
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Written exam / 5 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	thilo.marauhn@doz.unilu.ch

Literature

### What's indispensable?

Selected course materials will be available, both online and at the Studiladen.

- ULRICH BEYERLIN/THILO MARAUHN, International Environmental Law, Hart Publishing, Oxford 2011.

### Further Literature

- PHILIPPE SANDS/JACQUELINE PEEL, Principles of International Environmental Law, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge et al 4th ed 2018;
- JUTTA BRUNNÉE, Procedure and Substance in International Environmental Law, Brill/Nijhoff, 2020;
- ALAN E. BOYLE/CATHERINE REDGWELL, Birnie, Boyle, and Redgwell's International Law and the Environment, Oxford University Press, Oxford 4th ed 2021;
- LAVANYA RAJAMANI AND JACQUELINE PEEL (eds.), The Oxford Handbook of International Environmental Law, Oxford University Press, Oxford 2nd ed 2021.

### Legislation required for the exam

- Will be made available as course material.

## International Human Rights Law

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Martina Caroni
<i>Dates:</i>	Fall
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>This course explores the evolution of international human rights law, tracing its development from traditional civil liberties to a broader spectrum of rights, including socio-economic, women's, disability, and indigenous rights. Offering a multifaceted perspective, it blends theoretical foundations, critical analysis, and practical engagement.</p> <p>Beyond a positivist examination of human rights – focusing on the implementation of core United Nations treaties and substantive rights issues – the course critically interrogates the international human rights system. It integrates both mainstream and alternative perspectives, including feminist theory and Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL). Designed in a seminar format, the course fosters active preparation and participation, encouraging dynamic discussions that bridge theory, practice, and critique.</p> <p>Highlight of the course is a study visit to the United Nations in Geneva, offering insight into international human rights mechanisms.</p>
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	Basic understanding of public international law and a solid command of English.
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	Students are able to identify, analyse and assess issues relating to human rights questions.
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	2 hours a week
<i>Language:</i>	English

<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Oral exam / 5 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	lehrstuhl.caroni@unilu.ch

Literature

### Essential teaching materials?

- Course reader "International Human Rights Law";
- Treaty collection "International Human Rights Law".

These materials will be available at the Studiladen and on OLAT.

### Further Reading

Further reading can be done on the basis of any book on international human rights law.

### Treaties pertinent for the exam

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR);
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR);
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

## International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Martina Caroni
<i>Dates:</i>	Spring
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>Armed conflicts remain a persistent reality of the international landscape – despite the UN Charter's prohibition on the use of force and decades of efforts toward collective security. In recent years, the increasing disregard for core principles of international humanitarian law (IHL) in numerous conflict zones has raised urgent questions about the effectiveness and resilience of this legal regime.</p> <p>IHL governs situations of armed conflict, irrespective of their causes or legality. Its primary aim is to limit the human cost of warfare by protecting those who are not – or are no longer – participating in hostilities, especially civilians and combatants hors de combat. At the same time, IHL sets boundaries on the means and methods of warfare.</p> <p>This course offers a systematic introduction to IHL, its historical development, legal foundations, and key concepts. The focus lies on the two main branches of IHL: the law of Geneva (protection of victims) and the law of The Hague (regulation of hostilities). The course also covers the legal frameworks applicable in both international and non-international armed conflicts and examines mechanisms for the implementation and enforcement of IHL.</p> <p>Throughout the course, contemporary challenges – including recent violations, enforcement gaps, and the politicization of humanitarian norms – will be critically discussed.</p>
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	Basic knowledge of Public International Law and Human Rights Law recommended
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	<p>By the end of the course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- identify and explain the core principles, sources, and structure of international humanitarian law (IHL),</li> <li>- distinguish between the law of Geneva and the law of The Hague, and describe their respective scopes and functions,</li> <li>- differentiate between the legal regimes applicable to international and non-international armed conflicts,</li> <li>- analyse the protections afforded to civilians, prisoners of war, the wounded and sick, and other persons hors de combat,</li> <li>- assess the legal constraints on means and methods of warfare, including the use of specific weapons and tactics,</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- understand the mechanisms for the implementation and enforcement of IHL, including the role of international and domestic actors,</li> <li>- and critically engage with current challenges to IHL, including its application in contemporary conflicts and the consequences of its systematic violations.</li> </ul>
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	2 hours a week
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Oral or written exam / 5 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	lehrstuhl.caroni@unilu.ch

## Literature

### Essential teaching materials

- The Course Reader „International Humanitarian Law“.
- Geneva Conventions I-IV, Additional Protocols I-III

These materials will be available at the Baloo Shop and on OLAT.

### Further Reading

Further reading can be done on the basis of any book on International Humanitarian Law.

### Treaties required for the exam

- Geneva Conventions I-IV;
- Additional Protocols I-III.

## International Intellectual Property Law

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Mira Burri
<i>Dates:</i>	Fall 2027
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>This course focuses on the increasing importance of intellectual property rights in international law, business transactions and litigation. It offers an introduction to the basic notions, forms, principles and problems of intellectual property protection in transnational relations by discussing the law and leading cases decided in the United States, the European Union and Switzerland, and by studying the TRIPS Agreement of the World Trade Organization and relevant materials of the World Intellectual Property Organization. Students will learn about the critical current and future policy issues underlying the protection of intellectual property rights at the national and global level.</p> <p>The knowledge gained in the course will be a great asset for those seeking to pursue a career in large internationally positioned legal firms, in international and non-governmental organisations and in the Swiss federal administration.</p>
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	No specific prerequisites; knowledge of Swiss intellectual property law is an asset but not a requirement.
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Furthering of the understanding, the application of knowledge and professional judgment in the field of international intellectual property law.</li> <li>- Acquiring core knowledge in the areas of patents, copyright, trademarks, the protection of trade secrets and geographical indications.</li> <li>- By the end of the course, students will be able to frame and independently assess current developments in intellectual property law, to actively engage in debates and formulate legal opinions on the topic based on acquired knowledge of national and international law and practice, as well as of contemporary legal scholarship.</li> </ul>
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	2 hours a week
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Oral and open book exam / 5 Cr

Class attendance and active participation are critical to success in the course. Each class requires adequate preparation.

**Contact:** mira.burri@unilu.ch

**Material:** A tailored reader based on chapters from FREDERICK M. ABBOTT/THOMAS COTTIER/FRANCIS GURRY *International Intellectual Property in an Integrated World Economy*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., New York 2024. The reader will be available as a hard copy at Studiladen as well as an electronic copy on OLAT. Specific mandatory readings on the basis of the reader will be specified. The relevant legal texts can be downloaded from the websites of the WTO and the WIPO and will be provided on OLAT.

#### Legislation required for the exam

None.

### International Law of Contemporary Media

**Professor:** Prof. Mira Burri

**Dates:** Fall 2027

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** The course provides an introduction to the current issues in the regulation of media at the international level, covering the pertinent human rights norms, the rules of the World Trade Organization, and the relevant topics of international telecommunications, Internet Governance and copyright law. Digital media build the specific focus of the course and spur interesting discussions on the evolution of cyberlaw, taking into account current developments, such as those around fake news, creativity online and the role of platforms. The course includes two interactive sessions in the form of a mini-moot court, where students discuss in opposing teams critical questions from the course topics.

**Course Objectives:**

- Furthering of the understanding, the application of knowledge, and professional judgment in the area of the international law of contemporary media.
- By the end of the course, you will be able to frame and independently assess the legal implications of modern media phenomena, such as Google Books, online misinformation or platform power.

**Weekly hours:** 2 hours a week

**Language:** English

**Examination Mode / Credits:** Oral and open book exam (5 Cr); there is a mandatory participation in one interactive session.

**Contact:** mira.burri@unilu.ch

**Material:** There is no particular script or textbook needed for the course. The relevant readings for each session will be provided electronically and made available on OLAT.

#### Legislation required for the exam

None.

## International Migration Law

<i>Professor:</i>	Dr. Stephanie Motz
<i>Dates:</i>	Spring
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	As a result of globalisation of labour markets, demographic pressures in sending and receiving States, environmental disasters, political changes in sending States etc. international migration is a topic of ever-increasing interest and relevance. The course focuses on the international legal framework that regulates the flow of people across international borders as regular or irregular migrants including the rights and responsibilities of States as they pertain to international migration and the protection of human rights of migrants. Topics will include: Contemporary patterns of international migration; International Human Rights of Migrants; Regulation of entry and exit of persons; Refugees and asylum seekers; Nationality and statelessness; International labour migration, international labour law and protection of non-nationals; Trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants; International, regional and bilateral migration processes; Emerging migrations issues.
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	Basic knowledge of Public International Law, Human Rights Law and/or Migration Law would be an asset.
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	Students are able to identify, analyse and assess issues relating to international migration law.
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	4 lessons every two weeks
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Oral exam / 5 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	stephanie.motz@doz.unilu.ch
<i>Material:</i>	Will be announced in due course

### Legislation required for the exam

- UNO-Pakt II: <http://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/ccpr.aspx>;
- UNO-Pakt I: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CESCR.aspx>;
- Genfer Flüchtlingskonvention: <http://www.unhcr.org/3b66c2aa10>.

## International Sports Law

<i>Professor:</i>	lic. iur. Michele A.R. Bernasconi, LL.M.
<i>Semester:</i>	Fall
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture with exercises
<i>Course Description:</i>	There is hardly another field of law that has seen in recent years a development such as that of sports law. It is sufficient to look at the number of sports-related disputes or at the size of sports-related business around the world, to realise that law and lawyers are now a crucial part of the world of sport. The course provides an introduction to all the current issues at international level, so as for example doping, transfer of players, match fixing, sports-related arbitration, ambush marketing, governance issues, media and IP matters, etc.
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	No specific prerequisites; a general interest for sports is of advantage.
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	The aim of the course is to provide a legal and practical insight into all current issues of Sports Law.
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	Six blocks of 4 hours each
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Oral exam / 5 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	michele.bernasconi@doz.unilu.ch



## Legislation required for the exam

None.

## Internet Law

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Mira Burri
<i>Dates:</i>	Spring
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>The course explores the legal issues arising out of the Internet's growing role as a commercial, public and personal platform. The course looks at how regulators and courts respond to the novel issues raised by the rapid changes in digital technologies. Topics include, among others: jurisdictional questions over the borderless Internet; intellectual property rules around digital content and how they can be enforced online; liability of intermediaries, such as social networks or digital content platforms; online privacy protection; and freedom of speech questions.</p> <p>The course covers global legal developments, as well as those in the major jurisdictions of the United States and the European Union.</p>
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	<p>Furthering the understanding, the application of knowledge and professional judgment in the different areas of Internet law and policy.</p> <p>By the end of the course, students will be able to frame and independently assess current developments in Internet law, to actively engage in debates and formulate legal opinions on the topic based on acquired knowledge of national and international law and practice, as well as contemporary legal scholarship.</p>
<i>Weekly Hours:</i>	2 hours a week
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	<p>The final exam is oral and open book. / 5 credits</p> <p>Class attendance and active participation are strongly encouraged.</p>
<i>Contact:</i>	mira.burri@unilu.ch
<i>Information:</i>	Information about the course, including detailed schedule of sessions, will be made available on OLAT.

## Literature

### What's indispensable?

Textbook: JAMES GRIMMELMANN, *Internet Law: Cases and Problems*, 15<sup>th</sup> edn. (Semaphore Press, 2025).

The textbook is available for download at <http://internetcasebook.com/>. Semaphore Press lets you choose your price. For students, USD 30 is the recommended price, which is a fair deal. A printed version is available on all major book-selling platforms.

**All relevant chapters, treaties and additional literature will be made available on OLAT.**

## Introduction to Swiss Law

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Klaus Mathis / Prof. Rodrigo Rodriguez / Prof. Marx Thommen (Spring 2026)
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture and excursions
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>The course gives an overview on Swiss law and provides incoming students with the background for their legal studies in Switzerland. Therefore, participation is highly recommended. The course comprises three main parts: (1) Constitutional Law (i.e. the history of Swiss Constitutional Law, organisational structure of the Swiss State, fundamental rights and the specific democratic political rights in Switzerland), (2) an introduction to the criminal justice system in Switzerland as well as (3) Swiss Civil Law (i.e. an overview of the law of persons, family law, contracts, torts &amp; Swiss company law) The lectures will be taught in class and on excursions.</p> <p><b>Constitutional Law:</b> Prof. Klaus Mathis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to the Constitutional History of Switzerland</li> <li>- Introduction to Constitutional Law</li> </ul> <p><b>Criminal Law:</b> Prof. Marc Thommen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law in Switzerland</li> <li>- Excursion to a Swiss Prison</li> </ul> <p><b>Civil Law:</b> Prof. Rodrigo Rodriguez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civil Law vs Common Law: Sources and Procedural Differences / Private International Law</li> <li>- Contracts and Torts / Family Law / Associations &amp; Corporation</li> <li>- Court hearing / visit</li> </ul>
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	None
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	The course aims at providing students with a good understanding of the Swiss legal system, the organisation of the Swiss state and the principles of the Swiss political system.
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	2 hours a week, partly replaced by excursions
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Written exam, graded / 5 Cr
<i>Limitation:</i>	Only for incoming exchange students
<i>Contact:</i>	alexander.baumann@unilu.ch

### Literature

#### What is indispensable?

- WALTER HALLER, The Swiss Constitution in a Comparative Context, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Zurich/St. Gall 2016 (will be distributed in class);
- Further reading materials will be distributed in class or made available online.

#### Legislation required for the exam

- Federal Constitution of the Swiss Confederation (will be distributed in class);
- Handout with selected provisions of the Swiss Civil Code and the Swiss Code of Obligations (will be provided);
- Handout with selected provisions of the Swiss Criminal Code and the Swiss Criminal Procedure Code (will be provided).

## Introduction to U.S. Law

<i>Professor:</i>	Eran Fish, PhD, LL.M.
<i>Dates:</i>	Fall
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	This course will introduce students to the American legal system as well as to the common law in general. We will review the role of precedent, federalism, institutional design, and the U.S. bill of rights. The students will become acquainted with landmark decisions from the Supreme Court's early days to present. Beside introducing the fundamental principles of the law, we will discuss their historical and theoretical underpinnings.
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	The students will acquire basic skills for engaging with legal materials in the U.S. and will be able to better understand current constitutional debates.
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	2 hours a week
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Written Exam / 5 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	eran.fish@doz.unilu.ch
<i>Material:</i>	All reading materials will be available on OLAT.

## Law and Economics (Workshop)

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Klaus Mathis, MA in Economics et al.
<i>Dates:</i>	Spring
<i>Course Type:</i>	Workshop
<i>Course Description:</i>	In this course international scholars in the field of Law and Economics present their research findings. The participants critically discuss the working papers and comment on them.
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	Students have a critical look at scientific lectures and working papers in the field of Law and Economics.
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	Attendance of the course „Rechtsökonomie“ or good knowledge of economics
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	2 hours a week
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Writing a comment to a working paper, graded essay / 5 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	klaus.mathis@unilu.ch
<i>Notice:</i>	In order to receive the credits for this course, students must fulfil a mandatory attendance requirement at the conference which takes place in Lucerne, as well as write an 8-10 page essay in either German or English on the topic of one of the presented papers. The essay must be submitted electronically and, additionally, as a signed hardcopy by 31 May and will be graded.

### Literature

#### What's indispensable?

The course documents will be distributed via OLAT.

## Law and Justice in Literature and Film (Non-Legal Course)

<i>Professor:</i>	Dr. Steven Howe
<i>Dates:</i>	Spring
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>This course introduces students to a vibrant and vital area of interdisciplinary study. Reading law with literature and film can shed new light on key jurisprudential themes, open fresh critical possibilities for exploring law's claims and its power, and grant access to ethical issues frequently covered over in formal legal discourse. The recent 'cultural turn' in legal scholarship has, moreover, aroused new interest in the moral and political significance of popular cultural representations of law, and encouraged critical work that thinks seriously about their meanings and effects.</p> <p>The lead aim of the course is to familiarize students with a range of approaches, methodologies, definitions and debates relevant to the inter- and transdisciplinary study of law, literature and film, and from there to build towards a sophisticated critical engagement with a series of carefully chosen cultural texts. To this end, the syllabus falls in two parts. Part I (sessions 1-4) will introduce some key concepts and theories drawn from the fields of 'law and literature', 'law and film' and 'law and popular culture' studies. In Part II (sessions 5-9) we will apply these ideas in close discussion of select literary and cinematic texts, historical and contemporary, that raise critical issues of law and (in)justice.</p>
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	<p>Upon completion of the module, students should be able to show the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- a knowledge and critical understanding of the theories, concepts and arguments that have emerged from 'law and literature', 'law and film' and 'law and popular culture' studies, and the ability to apply these ideas to a range of appropriate texts and to their thinking about law more generally</li><li>- an awareness of some of the ways in which literature and film might reflect, express and engage with issues of law and justice</li><li>- an appreciation of how popular representations of law and justice might contribute to the shaping of legal identities, ideologies and imaginaries</li><li>- the ability to think critically about their own positionality in relation to culturally produced texts</li><li>- a deeper understanding of how cultural forms, narratives and representations intersect with law across a variety of contexts</li></ul>
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	9 sessions of 2 lessons each
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Essay (graded, 75%), class participation and assignments (25%) / 3 Cr
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Literature

### What's indispensable?

Relevant course material will be made available online via OLAT.

## Law and Society in a Global Context

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Vagias Karavas
<i>Dates:</i>	Fall
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture / Seminar
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>Law and Society has already a long and interesting intellectual history with a global reach. As a discipline it aims at analysing the way law reflects and impacts society. Accordingly, law is not to be studied in cognitive isolation, but rather in connection with its various social and cultural environments. The course aims at introducing students into this fascinating field of study, and at providing them with a better understanding of law in its changing global contexts.</p> <p>Alongside a general introduction to the particular European history, theory and methods of the Law and Society discipline, the course shall further provide students with unique insights in current debates regarding law's increasingly important global dimensions and the challenges connected with them. Thus questions such as the following will be thoroughly discussed: What does globalisation mean? Can there be a law beyond the nation state? What are the features of a specific global law? Do global actors, like for example multinational firms, have to abide by human rights laws?</p>
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	The course objectives are to help students use interdisciplinary resources as well as international and comparative perspectives in their studies of law; to equip students with critical skills in their work with law; and to sharpen their view of law as part of a global society.
<i>Weekly Hours:</i>	2 hours
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Essay (graded, 75%), class participation and assignments (25%) / 5 Cr
<i>Contact:</i>	vagias.karavas@unilu.ch

### Literature

#### What's indispensable?

Relevant course material will be made available online via OLAT.

#### Further Literature:

- ROGER COTTERELL, The Sociology of Law: An Introduction, 2005;
- NIKLAS LUHMANN, Law as a Social System, 2008;
- MANFRED B. STEGER, Globalization: A Very Short Introduction, 2013;
- GUNTHER TEUBNER, Global Law Without a State, 1996.

#### Legislation required for the exam

None.

## Law of Sustainable Development

<b>Professor:</b>	Prof. Klaus Mathis
<b>Semester:</b>	Spring
<b>Course Type:</b>	Lecture
<b>Course Description:</b>	<p>The first part of the course introduces the origins, theories, and legal definition of sustainable development. In particular, it explores the three pillars (economic, ecological, and social) of sustainable development and their relationships. Accordingly, the course focuses on intra- and intergenerational justice, the relationship between humans and nature, and different ways of implementing sustainable development.</p> <p>The second part of the course applies the acquired knowledge to a specific aspect of sustainable development: corporate responsibility. After an introduction to the topics of transnational corporate responsibility and corporate climate litigation, the class takes a deep dive into the regulation and litigation of corporate responsibility. In particular, the students will work with the <i>EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive</i> (EU CSDDD) and the Dutch court case <i>Milieudefensie et al. v. Shell</i>.</p>
<b>Course Objectives:</b>	<p>The course aims to shed light on the role of law in fostering sustainable development both in Switzerland and globally. Upon completion of the course, it is expected that students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- know the concept of sustainable development</li><li>- are familiar with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</li><li>- understand the philosophical foundations of sustainable development</li><li>- comprehend different regulatory instruments to implement sustainable development</li><li>- know the concept of corporate responsibility</li><li>- are familiar with the EU CSDDD</li><li>- comprehend the court rulings in <i>Milieudefensie et al. v. Shell</i></li><li>- are able to develop and justify regulatory approaches and judicial arguments in the context of modern slavery and climate change</li></ul>
<b>Weekly hours:</b>	2 hours a week (with two blocks of 4 hours each week)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Examination Mode / Credits:</b>	Oral exam / 5 Cr
<b>Contact:</b>	alexander.baumann@unilu.ch
<b>Material and Literature:</b>	Will be made available on OLAT.

### Literature

#### What's indispensable?

- Reading material on OLAT

#### Legislation required for the exam

- Federal Constitution of the Swiss Confederation (SR 101; a copy will be provided at the exam).



## Private Law EU - CH

<i>Professor:</i>	PD Dr. Dirk Trüten, LL.M.
<i>Semester:</i>	Spring
<i>Course Type:</i>	Lecture
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>Through its extensive legislative activity, the European Union has played a decisive role in the development of private law both in the Member States of the European Union and in Switzerland in recent decades. The first part of the course is dedicated to the relevant primary law. EU primary law primarily binds only the Member States and the Union institutions. However, the relevant provisions can also directly establish rights and obligations vis-à-vis individual EU citizens and thus have an impact on legal relationships under private law.</p> <p>In the second part of the lecture, the most important areas of EU private law regulated by EU secondary law are dealt with in an overview. These lessons will include provisions of Swiss law that correspond to EU law in terms of content, which have been adopted by means of "autonomous implementation" or on the basis of bilateral agreements. Account will also be taken of the fact that the Swiss Federal Court generally interprets corresponding provisions of Swiss law in conformity with European law. This practice raises numerous questions that may be relevant to students' later professional practice.</p>
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	Basic knowledge of EU institutional law
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	Basic knowledge of the EU-legislation in the field of private law and of the respective Swiss legislation.
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	2 hours a week
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Oral exam or presentation with written paper / 5 credits. Class attendance and active participation are strongly encouraged.
<i>Contact:</i>	dirk.trueten@unilu.ch
<i>Material:</i>	No specific textbook will be required. All relevant information on the course, including a detailed syllabus as well as all course materials and readings will be available for download on OLAT.

Literature will be announced at the beginning of the course.

## Public International Law

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Martina Caroni
<i>Semester:</i>	Fall
<i>Course Type:</i>	Workshop
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>This workshop will be held in three parts. Following an introductory and organisational session in the first week of the term, students will work in small groups (3-4 students) and prepare presentations and papers on self-chosen topics relating to current issues of public international law. During this period, there will be no weekly class meetings, but rather individual and group guidance sessions with Prof. Martina Caroni and her team. Finally, during the last weeks of the term, there will be meetings for the group presentations and class discussions.</p>
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	Knowledge of Public International Law recommended (but not a requirement)
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	See "Course Description"
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Grade based on class participation, presentation and conduction of discussion (1/3) and the paper (2/3) / 5 Cr
<i>Limitation:</i>	Yes, 12 (6 exchange students and 6 Lucerne students)
<i>Registration:</i>	Registration/Deregistration mandatory on the "UniPortal". Only students who enrol during this period will receive a grade at the end of the semester.
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# Moot Courts

For detailed information go to: <https://www.unilu.ch/en/mootcourts>

Please note, that participation of incoming students is subject to special arrangements to be made with the supervisors and coaches of the particular moot court.

## Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition (HPMCC)

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Sebastian Heselhaus
<i>Course Type:</i>	Moot Court Competition
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>The course prepares for the participation in the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition (HPMCC). This moot court is jointly organised by the European Law Students' Association (ELSA) and the Council of Europe. The subject of the moot court is a human rights case under the European Convention on Human Rights. The teams submit pleadings for both sides, the applicant and the respondent to the case. From all teams registered for the competition 18 teams will qualify for the final oral round. The final oral round is annually held in Strasbourg with the pleadings taking place at the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and the Council of Europe. Judges of the ECtHR may sit on the bench.</p> <p>In 2022/23 the University of Lucerne participated successfully and the team was awarded "Best Team of the Regionla Round" and qualified for the finals in Strasbourg. This moot court competition is a unique opportunity to gain practical experience in Human Rights Law and to plead in front of the ECtHR. Participating in a moot court has an extremely high reputation among law firms. Students will be guided by coaches experienced in moot court competitions and are trained in Human Rights Law as well as in presenting legal arguments. In addition, the team will participate in a pre-moot court before the finals take place (if possible).</p> <p>The attendance of the course might serve as a basis for the master thesis.</p>
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	Basic knowledge of Human Rights Law; good command of English
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	In-depth analysis of specific Human Rights Law problems and the jurisdiction of the ECtHR; development of practical lawyer's skills; providing contacts to leading law firms.
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	Self organised; hours equivalent to credits; written phase expected between September and November, oral phase expected between January and March
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Written papers and oral presentation / 18 Cr
<i>Registration:</i>	Please register as soon as possible by e-mail to the contact person below.
<i>Limitation:</i>	4 students
<i>Contact:</i>	cecile.christen@unilu.ch
<i>Information:</i>	<a href="https://www.unilu.ch/studium/lehrveranstaltungen-pruefungen-reglemente/rf/lehrveranstaltungen/moot-courts/helga-pedersen-moot-court-competition-hpmcc/">https://www.unilu.ch/studium/lehrveranstaltungen-pruefungen-reglemente/rf/lehrveranstaltungen/moot-courts/helga-pedersen-moot-court-competition-hpmcc/</a>
<i>Material:</i>	All the necessary material will be provided in advance/at the start of the Moot Court.

## Willem C. Vis Moot Court

<i>Professor:</i>	Asst.-Prof. Oliver William Roxane Schmidgall, MLaw
<i>Course Type:</i>	Moot Court Competition
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is a competition in the course of which close to 400 university teams from all over the world compete against each other representing the parties of a fictive case in front of simulated arbitration panels.</p> <p>The case revolves around typical issues arising out of the UN-Convention on International Sale of Goods (CISG) and the field of International Commercial Arbitration. On the basis of the case the participants draft a Memorandum for Claimant and subsequently for Respondent.</p> <p>The week before Easter the oral pleadings take place in Vienna.</p> <p>The course aims at teaching the participants in different theoretical and practical skills of a lawyer. On one side it inculcates profound knowledge of the CISG, International Commercial Arbitration and Comparative Law. On the other side, the participants acquire skills such as drafting memoranda, performing oral pleadings, broadening and strengthening the command of the spoken and written English language. Last but not least, the participants experience the intensive teamwork in a group of ambitious students.</p>
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	Bachelor degree; good command of English
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	Education of particularly proactive, interested and talented students in different theoretical and practical juridical skills in the English language.
<i>Weekly hours:</i>	One entire semester
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Evaluation of the written and oral performance of the individual participants in the course of the entire Moot / 18 Cr
<i>Registration:</i>	Spring 2026
<i>Limitation:</i>	Yes
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<i>Information:</i>	<a href="https://www.unilu.ch/studium/lehrveranstaltungen-pruefungen-reglemente/rf/lehrveranstaltungen/moot-courts/willem-c-vis-international-commercial-arbitration-moot/">https://www.unilu.ch/studium/lehrveranstaltungen-pruefungen-reglemente/rf/lehrveranstaltungen/moot-courts/willem-c-vis-international-commercial-arbitration-moot/</a>
<i>Material:</i>	Announced in the preliminary stages of the course

## Guest Courses

### Ultimate penalties: How societies respond to their most serious crimes

<i>Professor:</i>	Dr. Catherine Appleton Norwegian University of Science and Technology, N
<i>Dates:</i>	Spring
<i>Course Type:</i>	Guest Course
<i>Course Description:</i>	This course will critically examine the question of how societies respond to their most serious crimes. It is designed to develop students' analytical socio-legal skills and in particular the application of human rights principles to a specific area of law and criminal justice. It will consider the application of extreme forms of punishment globally, including the use of the death penalty, torture and the most common ultimate sanction, life imprisonment. It will assess the extent to which current law and practice meets international human rights standards. It will also critically examine the role of abolition and consider alternative approaches to punishing serious crimes.
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	There is no single set of text for this course. Students will be expected to do some reading in advance of class, which will include selected legal sources and case law, official government reports, academic articles and monographs, reports from international organisations and NGO publications. Much of the material should be available online.
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop an in-depth understanding of how different societies respond to their most serious crimes.</li> <li>• To examine key issues associated with the use and application of the death penalty, torture and life imprisonment worldwide.</li> <li>• To develop critical understanding of key international legal developments and human rights standards that focus on the use and impact of extreme punishments.</li> <li>• To critically assess the role of abolitionists and alternative approaches to punishing serious crimes.</li> </ul>
<i>Weekly Hours:</i>	12-15 lessons in 2-4 blocks
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Written exam, passed or failed / 2 Cr
<i>Registration:</i>	Registration/Deregistration mandatory on the "UniPortal" Law students with Bachelor's degree will be given priority.
<i>Limitation:</i>	Yes, 50
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### The Law and Economics of Behavioral Regulation

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Avishalom Tor Notre Dame Law School, USA
<i>Dates:</i>	Fall
<i>Course Type:</i>	Guest Course
<i>Course Description:</i>	Governments and organizations around the world increasingly turn to behavioral regulation - often referred to as "nudging" - in domains ranging from health, safety, education, and finance to environmental protection, tax compliance, public service delivery, and more. In all of these areas, policy makers aim to promote welfare by shaping the behavior of the people they target, drawing on the evidence and methods of behavioral science to inform policy design. Despite their potential benefits, however, behavioral interventions are hotly debated, with scholars challenging their legitimacy, desirability, and efficacy. This course will explore the contours of behavioral regulation, its promise and limitation, benefits and costs, helping students

develop an informed, critical understanding of this important, ascendant approach to regulation from a law and economics perspective."

<b>Weekly Hours:</b>	12-14 lessons within 3 days
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Examination Mode / Credits:</b>	Written exam, passed or failed / 2 Cr
<b>Registration:</b>	Registration/Deregistration mandatory on the "UniPortal" Law students with Bachelor's degree will be given priority.
<b>Limitation:</b>	Yes, 50
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## U.S. Constitutional and Public Law in Practice

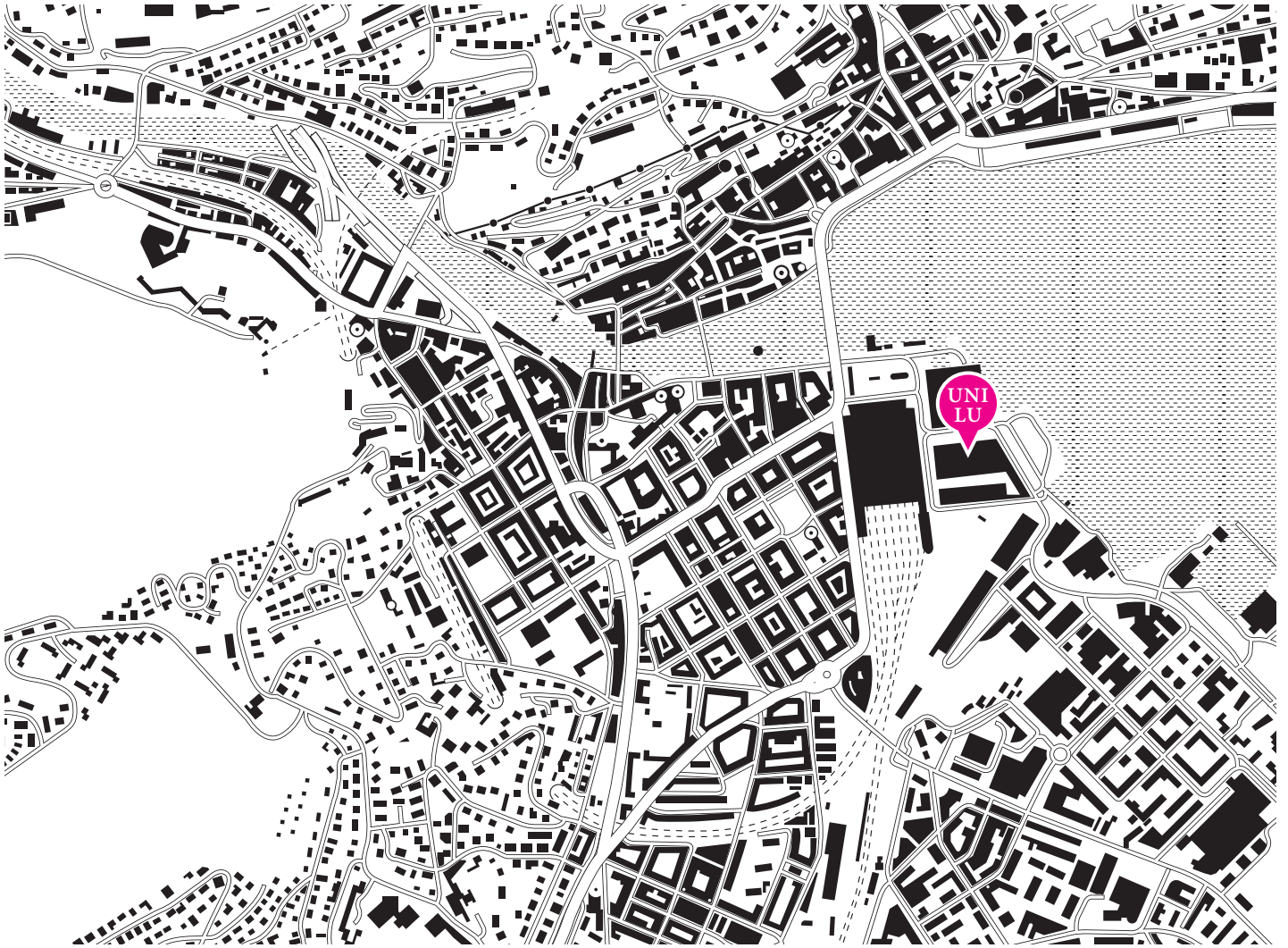
<b>Professor:</b>	Prof. Anuj Desai Wisconsin Law School, USA
<b>Dates:</b>	Spring
<b>Course Type:</b>	Guest Course
<b>Course Description:</b>	The U.S. Constitution is currently the oldest continuously operating written constitution in the world, dating back to 1787-89. It is also one of the world's shortest. Yet, it structures the government of the world's largest economy. This paradox means that, in practice, understanding U.S. public law requires more than the constitutional text. This course will focus on how that old document works in practice. Readings and discussion will both help students get a deeper understanding of the broader structure and history of U.S. public law and explore the impact that President Trump has had on that law. Among the topics we may address are the relationship between the President and the rest of the executive and administrative parts of government; the relationship between the President and Congress (the federal legislature); the role the courts play in enforcing constitutional, statutory, and administrative constraints on the President and Congress; judicial methodology in constitutional law, statutory interpretation, and common-law adjudication; and the role played by the federal structure of the U.S. Constitution.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	
<b>Course Objectives:</b>	
<b>Weekly Hours:</b>	12-14 lessons within 3 days
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Examination Mode / Credits:</b>	Written exam, passed or failed / 2 Cr
<b>Registration:</b>	Registration/Deregistration mandatory on the "UniPortal" Law students with Bachelor's degree will be given priority.
<b>Limitation:</b>	Yes, 50
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# Summer School

## Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation

<i>Professor:</i>	Prof. Sebastian Heselhaus et al.
<i>Dates:</i>	July
<i>Course Type:</i>	Summer School
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>The Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation is a worldwide two-week program of coursework and hands-on learning for law students and legal practitioners held in the heart of Europe at the University of Lucerne, Faculty of Law, in Switzerland, in partnership with several distinguished international law schools. It will be offered in July at the University of Lucerne.</p> <p>This is a Summer School with a distinctly global relevance. Given the realities of human rights implementation, the focus of the program will be on the challenges and practical aspects of litigation and advocacy of human rights. Participants will not only learn about the field of human rights, but about how to incorporate that knowledge into the actual work of defending human rights. Special focus will be placed on advocacy skills such as case assessment and oral argumentation.</p> <p>Participants will be given a choice of coursework on a variety of topics related to human rights on progressive and traditional issues under both the European Convention of Human Rights and the UN Conventions.</p> <p>In addition, the Summer School includes two excursions, one to the UN headquarters (Geneva) and one to the European Court of Human Rights and the Council of Europe (Strasbourg). This is a Summer School with a global focus established to create a dynamic and unique training program in human rights. Participants can earn seven (7) ECTS credits for the successful completion of the courses. Upon successful completion of the program participants will be awarded a Certificate of Completion.</p>
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Written exams / 7 Cr
<i>Information/Registration:</i>	<a href="http://www.lucerne-academy.ch">www.lucerne-academy.ch</a>
<i>Limitation:</i>	Yes
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