



Spring term 2010  
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## International Organisations

### General Information

The course takes place every Wednesday from 10:15 to 12:00 (2 hours per week). It will provide an in-depth analysis of international organisations as central actors in international law. The establishment of international organisations, its legal status or its competences will be discussed in the beginning of the course. The following sections will provide information on specific international organisations, such as universal- or regional peacekeeping organisations (especially UNO, OSCE), economic organisations (WTO, OECD and the Bretton Woods Institutions: IMF and World Bank), organisations with activities in the field of human rights, labour and health (ICRC, ILO, WHO), as well as organisations relating to intellectual property law, information society, culture and sports (WIPO, ITU, UNESCO, FIFA and the International Olympic Committee). Finally the role of NGOs will be examined and an outlook to possible developments and problems will be afforded. For an appropriate illustration, several judgments of the International Court of Justice and other cases of the past 60 years will be read and analysed. These cases and other materials will be compiled in a documentation that can be bought at the "Studentenladen Zentrum, Schönberggasse 2". All participants are required to prepare for the course and read the assigned papers in advance.

For a concise and comprehensive account of the law of international organisations "Nigel D. White, the law of international organisations, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Manchester University Press 2005" is recommended (book is going to be available at the Studentenladen Zentrum, Schönberggasse 2).

Additional materials as well as all the slides are continuously being published on Professor Kaufmann's homepage [www.rwi.uzh.ch/kaufmann](http://www.rwi.uzh.ch/kaufmann).

An exam will take place at the end of the term. More detailed information will be given at the beginning of the course.

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Course syllabus (subject to modifications)

Date	Topic	Reading assignments	Additional reading
24.2.	<b>Introduction</b> <b>Definition, overview of IOs</b> <b>Origin/history of IOs</b> <b>The legal status of IOs</b>	<b>Doc. No. 1</b> ICJ Reports 1949 <b>Doc. No. 2</b> Interim Arrangement on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations	
3.3.	<b>Establishment and liquidation of IOs</b> <b>Membership in IOs</b> <b>Competences of IOs</b> <b>Structure, organs and decision making</b> <b>Generation of rights by IOs</b> <b>Coercive measures of IOs</b> <b>Financing IOs</b>	<b>Doc. No. 3</b> ICJ Reports 1948 <b>Doc. No. 4</b> Art. 19 para 1-6 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation (28 June 1919)	<b>Doc. No. 5</b> ICJ Reports 1966 <b>Doc. No. 6</b> ICJ Reports 1962
10.3.	<b>Peacekeeping organisations:</b> <b>Historical Development</b> <b>Universal peacekeeping organisations:</b> <b>UNO (part 1)</b>	<b>Covenant of the League of Nations</b> of 28 April 1919 <b>Charter of the United Nations</b> of 26 June 1945 <b>Doc. No. 7</b> System of the UNO	<b>Doc. No. 8</b> ICJ Reports 1950

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17.3.	<p><b>UNO (part 2)</b></p> <p><b>Regional peacekeeping organisations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General</li> <li>- OSCE</li> <li>- Council of Europe</li> </ul> <p><b>Regional Alliance Systems (NATO, PfP)</b></p>	<p><b>Doc. No. 9</b> William O'Neill</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 11</b> Bolton John/Holbrooke Richard</p> <p><b>Charta of Paris</b> 19-21 November 1990 (OSCE)</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 14</b> OSCE: Facts and Figures</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 15</b> Structure and Institutions of the OSCE</p> <p><b>North Atlantic Treaty</b> of 4 April 1949</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 16</b> NATO-Organigram</p>	<p><b>Doc. No. 10</b> UNSC Res. 660 (1990)</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 12</b> UNGA/Res/60/1 (2005)</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 13</b> Work and Structure of the Human Rights Council</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 17</b> Switzerland and the Partnership for Peace (PfP)</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 18</b> Individual Partnership Programme between Switzerland and NATO for 2009</p>

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31.3.	<p><b>Universal economic organisations: The Bretton Woods Institutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Historical Development</li> <li>- IMF</li> <li>- The World Bank Group: IBRD, IDA, IFC, ICSID</li> </ul> <p><b>MIGA</b></p>	<p><b>Doc. No. 19</b> Stephey, M.J.</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 20</b> Organisational chart of the International Monetary Fund</p> <p><b>Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund</b> of 22 July 1944</p> <p><b>Articles of Agreement of the IBRD</b> of 22 July 1944</p> <p><b>Articles of Agreement of the IDA</b> of 24 September 1960</p> <p><b>Articles of Agreement of the IFC</b> (as amended on 28 April 1993)</p> <p><b>Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of other States</b> of 18 March 1965 (as amended on 10 April 2006)</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 22</b> World Bank Brochure</p> <p><b>Convention on Establishing the MIGA</b> of 11 October 1985</p>	<p><b>Doc. No. 21</b> Weisbrot Marc/Ray Rebecca et al.</p>

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14.4./21.4. (7.4.vacation)	<b>WTO</b> <b>UNCTAD</b> <b>Regional economic organisations, especially OECD</b> <b>Financial organisations</b>	<b>Agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation</b> of 15 April 1994 <b>Doc. No. 23</b> Trade Policy Review of Switzerland and Liechtenstein <b>Doc. No. 24</b> WTO Structure <b>Doc. No. 25</b> The panel process <b>Convention on the OECD</b> of 14 December 1960 <b>Doc. No. 28</b> OECD organisation chart <b>Doc. No. 29</b> BIS in profile	<b>Doc. No. 26</b> Consultative Board to the former Director-General Supachi Panitchpakdi <b>Doc. No. 27</b> Supachi Panitchpakdi, Trade and Development Report
28.4.	<b>Humanitarian organisations, human rights</b>	<b>Statutes of the ICRC</b> of 24 June 1998 <b>Doc. No. 31</b> ICRC: Organisation and Structure	<b>Doc. No. 30</b> ICRC, Annual Report 2008
5.5.	<b>Health organisations, labour</b>	<b>Constitution of the WHO</b> of 22 July 1946 <b>Doc. No. 32</b> WHO Informal Meeting <b>Constitution of the ILO</b> of 28 June 1919 <b>Doc. No. 33</b> Maupain Francis	

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12.5.	<b>Information society, intellectual property, culture</b>	<p><b>Convention on establishing the WIPO</b> of 14 July 1967</p> <p><b>Convention and Constitution of the ITU</b> of 1 July 1994</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 34</b> Weber Rolf H., p. 14-17</p> <p><b>Doc. No 39</b> ITU: Organisation and Structure</p> <p><b>Doc. No 40</b> Weber Rolf H., p. 26-28</p> <p><b>Constitution of the UNESCO</b> of 16 November 1945</p> <p><b>Doc. No 41</b> UNESCO: What it is and What it does</p>	<p><b>Doc. No. 35</b> Weber Rolf H., p. 30-33</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 36</b> Role of the Union</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 37</b> Mission of the Union</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 38</b> Membership of the Union</p>
19.5.	<b>Sports Organisations</b> <b>The role of NGOs in international law</b>	<p><b>FIFA Statutes</b> of 3 June 2009</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 42</b> FIFA Programmes</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 43</b> FIFA: Organisation and Structure</p> <p><b>Olympic Charter</b> of 7 July 2007, Chapter 1</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 44</b> Chapelet Jean Loup/Kübler-Mabbott Brenda</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 45</b> Charnovitz Steve</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 46</b> The WTO and NGOs</p> <p><b>Doc. No. 47</b> The UN and NGOs</p>	

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26.5.	<b>Switzerland and IOs Outlook</b>	<b>Doc. No. 48</b> Switzerland and the UN <b>Doc. No. 50</b> Alvarez José E.	<b>Doc. No. 49</b> Cogan Jacob Katz
2.6.	<b>Case Study on current issue</b>		