INTERNATIONAL LAW AND GLOBAL SECURITY

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Robin Geiß is Professor of International Law and Security at the University of Glasgow and a visiting fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs. A former Legal Adviser of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and ICRC delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Council, Robin Geiß is currently director of the “Security Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood”-project at the Collaborative Research Centre 700 in Berlin, editor of the Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law, and Rapporteur of the International Law Association’s (ILA) Study Group on the law applicable to the conduct of hostilities. He was a member of the international group of experts that, under the auspices of the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence in Tallinn, drafted the “Tallinn Manual” on international law applicable to cyber-warfare.

In addition to his academic work, Professor Geiß has advised international organizations and states, inter alia, in proceedings before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and on matters pertaining to new (military) technologies and cyber security. He is a member of the MILAMOS-project on the military uses of outer space, the Scientific Advisory Board of the German Protestant Church’s Just Peace-project, the Lieber Prize Committee of the American Society of International Law and the German National Committee on International Humanitarian Law.

COURSE OUTLINE

Session 1: International law and global security: mapping the ground

Required readings:
- McDonald and Brollowski, Security, in: Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law.

Recommended readings:

Session 2: The prohibition on the use of force and the right to self-defense

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Session 3: Humanitarian intervention and the responsibility to protect

Required readings:


Recommended readings:


Session 4: Economic and targeted sanctions

Required readings:


Recommended readings:


Session 5: Armed conflicts

Required readings:


Recommended readings:

- David, Internal (Non-International) Armed Conflict, in: Clapham/Gaeta (eds), The Oxford Handbook of International Law in Armed Conflict (OUP 2014), Chapter 14, pp. 353-364.

Session 6: Armed conflicts (continued)

Required readings:

- Dinstein, The Conduct of Hostilities under the Law of International Armed Conflict (CUP 2016), Chapters 3, 4, 5.

Recommended readings:

- Sassòli, Military objectives, in: Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law.
Session 7: Terrorism and counter-terrorism

**Required readings:**
- Schrijver/van den Herik, Counter-terrorism strategies in a fragmented international legal order – meeting the challenges, Cambridge University Press 2013.
- Walter, Terrorism, in: Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law

**Recommended readings:**

Session 8: Piracy and other maritime security issues

**Required readings:**

**Recommended readings:**
- Shearer, Piracy, in: Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law.

Session 9: The international drug control regime

**Required readings:**
- Heilmann, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, in: Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law.

**Recommended readings:**

Session 10: Weapons of mass destruction, conventional weapons and arms trafficking

**Required readings:**
- Grotto, Non-Proliferation Treaty, in: Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law
- Boothby, Weapons and the Law of Armed Conflict, OUP 2010, Chapters, 2, 8, 15.

**Recommended readings:**
Session 11: Cybersecurity: Cybercrime, cyberespionage and cyberwarfare

Required readings:

Recommended readings:

Session 12: International disaster response law

Required readings:
- Focarelli, Duty to protect in case of natural disasters, in: Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law.