



British Institute of  
International and  
Comparative Law

# Short Course: Aviation Law

## Course Timetable

21 April – 19 May 2023

Fridays 13.30 – 15.00 UK time

Tutor: Dr Antigoni Lykotrafiti

Date/time (UK)	Topic
<b>Friday 21 April</b>  13.00 – 15.00	<b>Economic regulation of air transport – The era of regulation</b>  i. The “Constitution” of international air transport (1919 Paris Convention; 1944 Chicago Convention; principle of national sovereignty; establishment of ICAO to supervise the technical/safety aspects of air transport/safety). ii. States in charge of the economic regulation of air transport: bilateral air services agreements. iii. Nationality restrictions in air services agreements and national laws. iv. Exchange of traffic rights on a quid-pro-quo basis; equality of outcome v. equality of opportunity. v. The nurturing of national flag carriers. State aid/subsidies.
<b>Friday 28 April</b>  13.00 – 15.00	<b>Economic regulation of air transport – The era of deregulation/liberalisation</b>  i. Domestic and international deregulation/liberalisation; the role of ICAO. ii. Obstacles to liberalisation: restrictions on foreign inward investment in national airlines; national sovereignty; air transport’s nature as an economic activity and a public utility.
<b>Friday 5 May</b>  13.00 – 15.00	<b>Competition law and air transport</b>  i. Cross-border airline mergers risky due to ownership and control restrictions. Danger that traffic rights will be lost. ii. International airline alliances as a substitute for cross-border mergers. Antitrust immunity.



	iii. Competition analysis by NCAs – evidence of regulatory convergence.
<b>Friday 12 May</b>  13.00 – 15.00	<b>Civil Aviation and National Security and defence</b>  i. Case Study 1: Closure of national airspaces in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine  ii. Case Study 2: Air blockade of Qatar
<b>Friday 19 May</b>  13.00 – 15.00	<b>Aviation and the environment</b>  i. Historical overview (international framework; EU emissions trading scheme; ICAO Carbon Offsetting Scheme for International Aviation - CORSIA).  ii. Current realities (Covid-19 implications for CORSIA; 2019 European Green Deal; measures to foster innovation in aviation).