

Public International Law in Practice

Short Course (2 days)

Public International Law in Practice is a dynamic course of applied public international law run by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. The two-day programme is focused on current developments in public international law and their application in national and international litigation, in governmental and international policy-making and in international legal and diplomatic practice.

Led by many of the Institute's leading researchers and practitioners, the course is designed to give a concise introduction to key issues across a broad range of areas of public international law – from the nature of international law to international resolution of disputes, from human rights to international investment law.

Public international law is now a part of the practice of almost every lawyer today. For example, knowledge of treaty obligations is essential for dealing with disputes within and beyond State confines, as well as for government, commercial and humanitarian interactions; awareness of the responsibilities and immunities of government entities can be crucial to a commercial contract and a human rights action; and assessing the appropriate forum for resolving a dispute is as necessary for an investment matter as it is a humanitarian concern. There are few areas of legal practice that are not affected in some way by international law, whether that matter is transacted or litigated in a national, regional or international location.

Course topics

- Legal Foundations of Public International Law
- Public International Law before the Courts
- International Trade Law
- International Law and Armed Conflict
- Public International Lawyers in Practice
- International Investment Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Law concerning Refugees and Migration
- Business and Human Rights

Who is the course for?

The course is ideal for those in the early and middle years of legal practice, those working in governmental and non-governmental organisations with legal elements to their work, those moving legal practice areas, and students who are studying for a postgraduate degree which includes aspects of international law.

Course benefits

This course is unique in that it introduces participants to public international law as it arises in practice in a concise and engaging way. It includes the core elements of public international law, such as treaties, customary international law, state responsibilities and immunities, international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international environmental law, and international economic law, as well as how international law is dealt with in national law and in terms of dispute settlement.

Testimonials from past course attendees

“An excellent course; the best investment of time of any legal course I have attended. Very relevant, well-pitched

to the knowledge of the audience. Speakers were excellent overall.”

“A great introduction to many aspects of international law with very knowledgeable speakers and an engaging format. ”

“Very interesting and well presented”

“An extremely helpful course! And importantly the speakers were able to answer our questions”

“Very interesting and comprehensive course. It covered a lot in the two days.”

Teaching arrangements

Teaching is seminar style with opportunities for class discussion and interaction. Practical examples and dispute settlement avenues will be given where relevant. Reading lists, including reference to electronic materials, will be provided for each session. All sessions will be taught in English. If you are not a native English speaker, you will need to have experience of studying in English at university level or to have achieved an appropriate score in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or an equivalent programme.

CPD accreditation

The course is equivalent to 12 CPD hours.

For details of the latest course dates and to book online go to www.bicl.org/events

