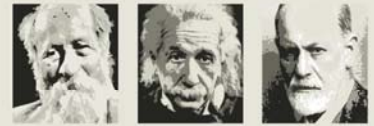




האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem



בית הספר לתלמידים מחו"ל
Rothberg International School



2010/11

Summer Courses
and Special
Programs



Public International Law: The Case of Jerusalem

Academic Hours: 45 ❖ Credits: 3 ❖ June 29 – July 27, 2010 ❖ RIS Course Number: SPLW201

Dr. Leonard Hammer

Concepts in the international legal system are examined, making reference to the status of Jerusalem where relevant, and the status of the city after the 1967 Six-Day War is analyzed. While the course is geared toward students in the social sciences, it shall be structured in a manner that is suitable for students from all disciplines with an interest in international law and Jerusalem. The issues examined will assist to address common problems confronting the status of Jerusalem in the eyes of the international legal framework, and aspects pertaining to holy places will be incorporated as well. The course will include field trips in order to bring home some of the issues and allow for further engagement and understanding.

Topic I - Public International Law - An Overview

The key here is to understand the sources of public international law. Consideration will be given to the universal nature of international law and to the nature of obligations within the international legal framework. Think about the meaning of obligation and whether there is a necessity for "law" here. This will include a historical overview of the Old City.

Topic II - International Law and International Relations

Consider the manner in which international law affects international relations and how the two can or cannot conform. The idea of power will be discussed, with a view towards understanding the broader relations affecting the Old City.

Topic III - The United Nations and its International Role

The lecture will address the history leading up to the UN and how it has played a role with the issue of Jerusalem.

Topic IV - Dealing with Disputes

Addressing disputes is obviously an important factor in international law. Consider the various ways in which states attempt to settle disputes (negotiation, conciliation, mediation and arbitration). Are they effective? What of assistance from third parties? What damage can they cause and why?

We will examine and assess proposals for addressing the Old City issue, as developed in the international sector.

Topic V - The Use of Force

We will analyze the classic approaches to the use of force and trace the development up until the UN period. We will then consider the UN provisions on this matter and whether they actually reflect customary international law. This will also comprise an analysis of the status of Jerusalem before and after 1967.

Topic VI - International Human Rights

We will consider the role of human rights within the international law framework and the impact it can have on issues concerning Jerusalem.

Topic VII - The Significance of Culture in the International Framework

We will examine the role of the right to culture and how it can interplay with issues regarding Jerusalem. This lecture section also shall also focus on the matter of holy places and their role.

As noted, we will engage in two field trips, one examining the contours of Jerusalem and its borders as they have emerged over the past years, and another looking internally at the Old City and the various players that operate therein.