International Law and the Rights of the Child

LW5107

2023-2024 Course Outline

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| **Objective** | The module explores various international children's rights theories with a focus on the evolution of international children's rights as a concept is discussed and the role and impact of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989.The module aims to provide an awareness and understanding amongst learners of the definition and status of the child at an international law level and it offers learners the opportunity to develop an understanding and awareness of the scope of a variety of children's rights at an international level. |
| **Lecturer** | **Name** | **Office Hours** |  | **E-mail** |
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| **Learning Outcomes**  | On successful completion of this module students will be able to: * Critically analyse and assess in-depth the historical evolution of children’s rights at an international level
* Critically analyse and explain the role and impact of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989.
* Demonstrate a critical awareness of the definition and status of the child in international law.
* Synthesise and conceptualise a holistic picture of the extent to which the child’s rights to protection, provision and participation are provided for in international law.
* Research, interpret and apply the principles of international law treaties to reach sound informed judgments relating to children’s rights.
* Develop advanced reasoned arguments relating to factual legal problems in light of the principles of international children’s rights.

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| **Timetable**  | **Semester 2 Weeks 7 – 10:**Tuesdays 10:00 – 13:00 |
| **Workload** | 5 ECTS 12 Teaching Hours |
| **Format** | In-person **Class venue is the seminar room, Irish Centre for Human Rights** |
| **Programme(s)** | All LLM programmes at the School of Law, University of Galway.  |
| **Course Material** | Course materials will be available on CANVAS and through the University of Galway Library. Required reading will be posted a week in advance of each seminar.  |
| **Assessment** | This module is assessed by way of a 3,000 word essay (excluding footnotes, excluding bibliography).Students will choose their own title subject to lecturer approval based on the core tenets of the module and learning outcomes.The essay submission date and instructions are set out in the ‘Guidelines for LLM students’. Assessment Timeline:Essay Proposal due date will be confirmed via CANVASEssay due date will be confirmed via CANVAS |

**Seminar outline**

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| **Week No.** | **Date** | **Topic** |
| 1 | 20/02/2024 | International Law and The Rights of the Child – History and Development |
| 2 | 27/02/2024 | Rights of Migrant, Refugee, Asylum seeking and Stateless Children |
| 3 | 05/03/2024 | Children in Armed Conflict |
| 4 | 12/03/2024 | Indigenous Children and the Right to Cultural Survival |