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**AUDITING PROGRAMME
SEMESTER 2
ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018**



Public CPD Points: Up to 36 points
Practice Area: Others
Training Level: Foundation

About the Programme

As part of its continuing legal education programme, the Law Faculty of the National University of Singapore is pleased to invite applications from legally trained persons to audit its regular elective courses. Participants will be issued Certificates of Participation if they have attained at least 75% attendance for the classes of the relevant course. No examination will be taken.

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Courses will commence in the second week of January 2018 and should end by Mid-April 2018 (except for the month-long intensive courses listed on pages 2 to 5). All classes will be held at the NUS Law Faculty in Bukit Timah Campus. The tentative class schedule is listed after the description of each course. Details of the finalised class schedules will be sent to participants once registration is confirmed. The number of places available for each course is limited and registration will be on a "first-come-first-served" basis. Successful registrants will receive confirmation of their registration 1 to 2 weeks before the start of the course. Unless otherwise stated, the fee for auditing each course is **S\$1,284.00** (inclusive of 7% GST).

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For further enquiries, please contact Ms Poova at DID: 6516 3644 or email: clemail@nus.edu.sg.

INTENSIVE COURSES

ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE U.S.

COURSE CONVENOR: [VISITING PROFESSOR PETER L. STRAUSS](#)

An introduction to the public law system of the United States, with an emphasis on structural issues and governmental processes, especially the creation of regulations and the political and judicial controls over this important activity. Changes resulting from the Trump administration will be an important element.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4326-AdminJustice%20in%20US-Strauss-1720.pdf

Classes : Mondays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Wednesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Fridays (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
Duration : 15 January to 2 February 2018

ADVANCED ISSUES IN THE LAW & PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

COURSE CONVENOR: [VISITING PROFESSOR GARY B. BORN & VISITING SENIOR FELLOW JONATHAN LIM](#)

This intensive course will expose students to contemporary trends and controversies in international arbitration. It will cover both commercial and investment arbitration, focusing on topics of recent practical and academic discussion. The course is designed for students and practitioners who are already acquainted with the fundamentals of international arbitration, and may also be useful for those who are inclined towards specializing in international arbitration practice. An international and comparative approach will be adopted - students can expect to review a substantial amount of comparative law sources, including academic commentaries and jurisprudence from China, France, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States, as well as public international law sources.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4299-Adv%20Issues-LawPractice%20IntlArb-Born-Lim-1720.pdf

Classes : Mondays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Wednesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Fridays (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
Duration : 15 January to 2 February 2018

CLIMATE CHANGE LAW & POLICY

COURSE CONVENOR: [LIONEL A. SHERIDAN VISITING PROFESSOR DOUGLAS KYSAR](#)

This course addresses the international legal dimensions of negotiating and addressing climate change. It will examine the evolution of the international climate change regime as well as the principles, provisions, and key features of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1992, and its Kyoto Protocol, 1997. It will explore the likely contours of the 2015 climate agreement, for which negotiations are ongoing. This course will also address the institutional architecture for compliance and implementation of climate change obligations.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4221-Climate%20Change-Kysar-1720.pdf

Classes : Mondays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Wednesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Fridays (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
Duration : 15 January to 2 February 2018

INTENSIVE COURSES

CONFLICT OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

COURSE CONVENOR: VISITING PROFESSOR FRANCO FERRARI

This course will focus in detail on the instances in which resort to conflict of laws is necessary in the international arbitration context. The objective of this course is to allow participants to realise on how many occasions both State courts and arbitrators will need to report a conflict of laws analysis despite the claim that conflict of laws issues are not relevant in the international commercial arbitration context. Participants will first be taught to identify what conflict of laws rules may apply and will then be given hypothetical cases and will be asked to critically examine whether a solution can be found that does not require a conflict of laws approach.

Module Details:

[http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4295-ConflictLaws%20ICArb Ferrari-1720.pdf](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4295-ConflictLaws%20ICArb%20Ferrari-1720.pdf)

Classes : Mondays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Wednesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Fridays (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
Duration : 15 January to 2 February 2018

CROSS-BORDER LITIGATION

COURSE CONVENOR: VISITING PROFESSOR RICHARD GARNETT

The focus of this course is on the litigation of cross-border disputes in the fields of tort, contract, consumer protection and intellectual property including in the online context. The subject will examine the key doctrinal principles and scholarly debates in the area as well as problems commonly encountered in practice. Material will be drawn from leading common law jurisdictions, including Singapore, Australia, England, Hong Kong and Canada. The course is recommended for those with an interest in international dispute resolution, conflict of laws, litigation or international commerce.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4329-CrossBorder%20Litigation-1720-Garnett.pdf

Classes : Mondays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Wednesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Fridays (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
Duration : 5 February to 23 February 2018; Makeup seminar for 16 February on Saturday, 10 February (1-4pm)

FAIR USE IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

COURSE CONVENOR: YONG SHOOK LIN PROFESSOR IN IP PETER JASZI

The copyright laws of Singapore and the United States have in common a general, flexible, open exception designated by the term "fair use." During the last 25 years, the U.S. has had extensive experience with this concept, both in the courts and in fields of practice as diverse as art, filmmaking, education, technology, and journalism. Not only have judicial opinions about fair use cohered into a "unified field theory" of the doctrine, but awareness of its potential applications has increased dramatically among members of relevant communities. The last development has been attributable in part to the development of community-specific Codes of Best Practices for the responsible application of fair use - an effort in which the instructor for this module has been active. The course will explore the legal background of fair use, its doctrinal evolution over the past 25 years, and a variety of practical situations in which it has been successfully employed.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4332-FairUse%201720-Jaszi.pdf

Classes : Mondays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Wednesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Fridays (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
Duration : 15 January to 2 February 2018

INTENSIVE COURSES

INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS BY SEA

COURSE CONVENOR: VISITING PROFESSOR KATE LEWINS

This module will give students a broad understanding of the law relating to the international carriage of passengers by sea. Topics to be covered include formation of contract, regulation of cruise ships, State jurisdiction over crimes against the person on board a ship, liability for accidents, limitation of liability, the Athens Convention 1974/1990, and conflict of laws/jurisdictional issues relating to passenger claims. This module will be useful for those who are intending to practice law in a broadly focused shipping practice; work within the cruise and ferry industry; or otherwise are likely to deal with passengers and/or their claims.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4246-Carriage%20Passengers-Lewins-1720.pdf

Classes : Mondays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Wednesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Fridays (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
Duration : 15 January to 2 February 2018

PRINCIPLES OF RESTITUTION

COURSE CONVENOR: VISITING PROFESSOR WILLIAM SWADLING

This course introduces students to the central concepts and disputes in the law of restitution, centering on unjust enrichment as an organising theme. The prevention of unjust enrichment as an independent legal principle, capable of founding causes of action, gained currency as an independent branch of the common law only as recently as in 1991. This course covers the operation of key restitutionary concepts in common law and equity, including their relationships to the law of contract, torts, and property, as well as to equitable principles. A selection of topics, which may vary from year to year, will be covered.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4051-Restitution-Swadling-1720.pdf

Classes : Mondays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Wednesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Fridays (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
Duration : 5 February to 23 February 2018; Makeup seminar for 16 February on Saturday, 10 February (1-4pm)

SPORTS LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: VISITING SENIOR FELLOW PAUL CZARNOTA

Sports Law is a very broad field, encompassing several areas of law unique to the sporting industry, as well as several traditional areas of law applied to the field of sport. This course will focus on the existing and evolving private and public international sports law systems, (where appropriate) the national sports law of several jurisdictions (including Australia, USA, UK and to a lesser extent, Singapore) and provide avenues of multi-jurisdictional comparative analysis. The social, political, commercial and economic influences on the development, content and structure of sports law globally will also be explored.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4328-SportLaw-Czarnota-1720.pdf

Classes : Mondays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Wednesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Fridays (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
Duration : 15 January to 2 February 2018; Make-up Seminar for 15 January on Wednesday, 17 January (2.30pm - 5.15pm)

INTENSIVE COURSES

THE PRACTICAL REALITIES OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN ASIA

COURSE CONVENOR: ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR NAKUL DEWAN

Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation are three forms of resolving commercial disputes. However, neither of these methods makes sense if they do not yield a result that is effectively enforceable. Different Asian countries have different approaches and cultures to dispute resolution. The New York Convention while ratified by more than 150 countries, but not been harmoniously interpreted by State Courts. The region is also famously known for Guerrilla tactics to scuttle effective dispute resolution. This course aims to set out the practical realities of dispute resolution in Asia and aims to make students step into the shoes of lawyers and understand how to tackle real disputes.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4309-Practical%20Realities-1720-Dewan.pdf

Classes : Mondays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Wednesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Fridays (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
Duration : 5 February to 23 February 2018; Makeup seminar for 16 February on Saturday, 10 February (1-4pm)

THE RULE OF LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: VISITING PROFESSOR FRANÇOIS TANGUAY-RENAUD

This course explores the ideal of the rule of law: its value, limitations, costs, and relationship with distinct social aspirations. The teaching is based on leading texts, comparative case law, and video documentaries. The course is divided into nine modules: (1) the meaning and value of the rule of law, (2) emergencies, (3) the relationship(s) between the rule of law, the obligation to obey the law, and the rule of good law, (4) the modern welfare state, (5) criminal law vs. private law, (6) international law, (7) corporations and liberal democracy, (8) colonialism and developmental transitions, and (9) defences for disobedience.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4331-The%20Rule%20of%20Law-1720-Tanguay-Renaud.pdf

Classes : Mondays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Wednesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Fridays (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
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TOPICS IN LAW & ECONOMICS

COURSE CONVENOR: VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CHEN JIANLIN

This seminar will explore several key topics at the intersection of law and economics. It will commence with an exploration of the concept of rationality as employed in (positive) micro-economic theory. It will also explore the Coase theorem as a means of understanding the importance of legal rules and institutions. These theoretical tools will then be used as a lens for examining, amongst other topics, tort, contract and insolvency law; company law; financial regulation, and the role of law and legal institutions in economic development. Particular attention is paid to applying economic analysis to contemporaneous law/policy controversies in Singapore and East Asia.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4155-TpcLaw%20and%20Econs-1720.pdf

Classes : Mondays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Wednesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm); Fridays (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
Duration : 5 February to 23 February 2018; Makeup seminar for 16 February on Saturday, 10 February (1-4pm)

SEMESTER COURSES

ARBITRATION OF INVESTMENT DISPUTES

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR JEAN HO

With increasing flows of foreign direct investment globally, the settlement of investment disputes is becoming frequent. Foreign investors often arbitrate their disputes with host States via an arbitration clause contained in a contract. But increasingly, investment treaties provide for recourse to investor-State arbitration. A distinct body of case law has developed as a result of a multiplicity of such arbitrations in recent times. The aim of this course is to study the developments that have taken place in the area. It deals with the types of arbitration clauses used in the contracts, court supervision and assistance of such arbitration, the law that is applied in settling disputes, the nature of the award and the problems associated with the enforcement of the award.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4150V-AOID-Outline-AY1718-18May2017.pdf

Classes : **Fridays (9.00am – 12noon)**

ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY LAW & POLICY

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR TAY SEONG CHEE, SIMON

ASEAN leaders agreed to create a single market - the ASEAN Economic Community - by 2015. Due to sovereignty concerns, ASEAN leaders did not create a single supranational authority to regulate this market. This course examines how ASEAN member states and institutions are filling in the vacuum through formal and informal means. Students will understand how regional policymaking affects domestic laws and policies within ASEAN.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4202V-AEC%20schedule%201720-v2.pdf

Classes : **Mondays (3.00pm – 6.00pm)**

BANKING LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SANDRA ANNETTE BOOYSEN

This course is designed to familiarise the student with the key principles relating to the modern law of banking. Four main areas will be covered: the law of negotiable instruments, the law of payment systems, the banker customer relationship and bank regulation. Students who wish to obtain a basic knowledge of banking law will benefit from this course. It is also recommended that those who wish to specialize in banking law take this course as a foundational course, prior to studying the more advanced banking courses.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4006V%20Banking%20Law.pdf

Classes : **Mondays (12noon – 3.00pm)**

SEMESTER COURSES

BEHAVIOURAL ECONOMICS, LAW & REGULATION

MODULE CONVENOR: SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW JULIANA CARDINALE

Law is a behavioural system. Most law seeks to regulate, incentivize and nudge people to behave in some ways and not in others - it seeks to shape human behavior. Traditional economic analysis of law is committed to the assumption that people are fully rational, but empirical evidence suggests that people very often exhibit bounded rationality, bounded self-interest, and bounded willpower. This course about behavioural law and economics, with an emphasis on regulation, looks at the implications of actual, not hypothesized, human behaviour for the law. It considers, in particular, how using the mildest forms of interventions, law can steer people's choices in welfare-promoting directions.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4308V-Behavioural%20Econ%20Law%20Regulation.pdf

Classes : Thursdays (3.00pm – 6.00pm)

CHARTERPARTIES

COURSE CONVENOR: ADJUNCT PROFESSOR NEALE R GREGSON

CO-TEACHER: PROFESSOR STEPHEN GIRVIN

This course will focus on charterparties, which are contracts between the shipowner and the charterer for the hire of the vessel, either for a specific voyage (voyage charterparties) or over a period of time (time charterparties). There are in addition, other variants of these basic types, which will also be referred to. This course will examine the standard forms for each of the charterparties being studied and examine the main terms and legal relationship between shipowners and charterers. This dynamic and important aspect of the law of carriage of goods by sea is frequently the subject of arbitral proceedings and court decisions.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4008BV%20Charterparties.pdf

Classes : Thursdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm)

CHINA, INDIA & INTERNATIONAL LAW

COURSE CONVENORS: PROFESSOR SORNARAJAH M & ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WANG JIANGYU

This course will examine the rise of China and India and their impact on the international legal order. In particular, students will be led to discuss issues concerning (1) the origin and history of the relationship between developing countries and international law; (2) the rise of China and India and its challenge to the existing international legal order and legal norms; (3) China, India, and the multilateral trading system; (4) China, India and international investment; (5) the international law aspects of domestic policies in China and India; and (6) the international law aspects of competition and disputes between China and India. The course will also concentrate on demonstrating the interaction between international relations and international law.

Classes : Thursdays (9.00am – 12noon)

SEMESTER COURSES

CLIMATE CHANGE LAW AND POLICY IN ASIA

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LIN SHUWEN JOLENE

This course provides a comprehensive overview of international climate change law as well as examines the legal and regulatory responses of Asian jurisdictions to climate change. The first part of the course will examine the rules and institutions established by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. The second part will focus on climate governance beyond the UN climate regime, particularly the role of cities and international financial institutions in governing climate change. In the final part, we examine how selected Asian jurisdictions, including Singapore, have adopted laws and regulatory frameworks for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4158V-Climate%20Change%20Law%20&%20Policy_1720.pdf

Classes : Wednesdays (9.00am – 12noon)

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: PROFESSOR ALEC STONE SWEET

This course provides an introduction to comparative constitutional law with a focus on systems of rights protection. Part I provides an introduction to the basic concepts and building-blocks of every system of constitutional justice: constitutions, rights, and judicial review. Part II surveys how such systems vary structurally, with what effects on the ways in which judges interact with other governmental officials, including legislators. Part III examines the development of proportionality, as an emerging global standard of rights adjudication. All required texts are available on-line or will be provided. Students will be evaluated on the basis of (1) a literature review or research paper - 70%; (2) attendance and participation - 30%. Further particulars are provided after the reading list (below). Note: the seminar will emphasize close reading and roundtable discussion of texts; it is not a lecture course. Students are to come to class prepared to engage in a discussion of the required readings and response papers. Readings are subject to change, but only by a similar replacement text.

Module Details: http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4012V%20Comp%20Consti%20Law.pdf

Classes : Tuesdays (3.00pm – 6.00pm)

COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LYE LIN HENG

This course examines the scope of national environmental law and how it evolves, through introducing students to the analytic techniques of Comparative Law. The patterns of legislative, administrative and judicial decision-making for environmental law are compared in civil law, common law, socialist law and theocratic legal regimes. The systems of central governmental are contrasted with those of federal systems. Regional systems of governance and management are also compared, particularly the European Union with ASEAN. This course has long been taught via video-conferencing between the teachers and students at NUS and Professor Nicholas Robinson and his students at the Pace University School of Law (Pace). Pace Law School is one of the best law schools in the US for Environmental Law, and Prof N Robinson is a distinguished authority in environmental law. He was former Chair of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law and founding member and former Chair of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law. He has won many accolades for his contributions to environmental law.

Module Details: http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4013VCOMP%20ENV%20LAW.pdf

Classes : Tuesdays (9.00am – 12noon)

SEMESTER COURSES

CONSTRUCTION LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: ADJUNCT PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER CHUAH CHEE KIAN

CO-TEACHER: ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IAN DE VAZ

The objective of this course is to introduce students to the legal principles that form the foundation of construction law and to the common practical problems that arise in this field. Topics will include: (a) general principles of construction law, including completion, variations, defects, retention and certification; (b) basic provisions of construction contracts; (c) claims procedure & dispute resolution, including adjudication proceedings; and (d) relevant provisions of standard form building contracts. This course will be of interest to students interested in construction practice or being exposed to a practical approach to resolving construction-related issues that arise in the local industry.

Module Details:

[http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4014V%20Construction%20Law-Synopsis%20\(1718\).pdf](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4014V%20Construction%20Law-Synopsis%20(1718).pdf)

Classes : Tuesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm)

CORPORATE INSOLVENCY LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WEE MENG SENG

Insolvency law is relevant to virtually all aspects of commercial activity involving the provision of credit. This course will explore its key concepts in the context of a winding up - the moratorium, powers of recovery, the pari passu principle, the external manager, avoidance of transactions, proof of debts and set-off. We will then review receivership, judicial management and schemes of arrangement as alternative procedures to the liquidation of a company in a winding up. We conclude with a brief examination of informal debt restructurings. This course will be taught principally through seminars for which prior preparation and participation are required.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4402-CorpInsolv-1720.pdf

Classes : Mondays & Wednesdays (9.00am – 12noon)

CURRENT PROBLEMS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: PROFESSOR ANTONY ANGHIE

This course examines current problems in international law relating, for instance, to the use of force, human rights, international environmental law and foreign investment law.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4319V-Current%20ProblIntl%20Law-Anghie-1720.pdf

Classes : Thursdays (9.00am – 12noon)

SEMESTER COURSES

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS

COURSE CONVENOR: PROFESSOR MICHAEL BRIDGE

The objective of this course is to provide students with an understanding of domestic and international sale of goods under the Singapore law. For domestic sales, the course will focus on the Sale of Goods Act. Topics to be studied will include the essential elements of the contract of sale; the passing of title and risk; the implied conditions of title, description, fitness and quality; delivery and payment, acceptance and termination, and the available remedies. With particular reference to a seller's delivery obligations, the course will also cover substantial aspects of the international sale of goods under the common law, such as FOB and CIF contracts and documentary sales. This course will be of interest to students intending to enter commercial practice.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4054V%20DISG.pdf

Classes : Mondays (9.00am – 12noon)

EUROPEAN COMPANY LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN HOFMANN

European company law can be understood in two ways. It can indicate the EU's approach to company law and thereby lead to an analysis of the harmonized standards for 28 European nations. It can also be understood as a comparative approach to the different legal systems on the European continent. This course includes both aspects. It will first concentrate on EU legislation and jurisdiction, followed by a comparison of the legal systems of the two most important continental European jurisdictions, France and Germany. It will lead to an understanding of shared principles of civil law jurisdictions and emphasize important differences to common law systems.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4233V%20European%20Co%20Law-1720.pdf

Classes : Fridays (9.00am – 12noon)

FINANCIAL REGULATION AND CENTRAL BANKING

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN HOFMANN

The course will include various aspects of financial regulation. The focus will be on the regulation of credit institutions and the role of central banks. Other forms of regulation of financial intermediaries and financial markets will be discussed in less detail. Since the focus will be on credit institutions, it will be important that the students understand what distinguishes credit institutions from other providers of financial services and how the regulatory approaches differ. The part on the regulation of credit institutions will include requirements for their authorization, their permanent supervision and rescue scenarios in situations of insolvency and default. These aspects will be discussed from a comparative perspective with the Basel requirements at the core of the discussion, complemented by the implementing norms in important jurisdictions, above all in Singapore. For resolution and restructuring the European Union has taken on a leading role, and, as a consequence, these EU approaches will be analysed in detail. The roles of central banks will remain a core part of the course. Their tasks and objectives will be discussed from a comparative perspective. Their essential role in crisis management, their co-operation with supervisory agencies and their monetary policy will remain essential components of the course.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4242V%20Financial%20Reg%20and%20Central%20Banking-1720.pdf

Classes : Wednesdays (9.00am – 12noon)

SEMESTER COURSES

FOUNDATIONS OF IP LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: ADJUNCT PROFESSOR STANLEY LAI TZE CHANG

This course seeks to introduce students to the general principles of intellectual property law in Singapore, as well as, major international IP conventions. It is aimed at students who have no knowledge of IP law but are interested in learning more about this challenging area of law. It will also be useful for students intending to pursue the advanced courses in IP/IT by providing them with the necessary foundation on IP law.

Module Details:

[http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4070V%20FDN%20OF%20IP%20LAW%20\(Stanley%20Lai%201720\).pdf](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4070V%20FDN%20OF%20IP%20LAW%20(Stanley%20Lai%201720).pdf)

Classes : **Thursdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm)**

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR JEAN HO

Many governments, like individuals and business entities, enter into contracts. The growing phenomenon of government contracts, especially contracts concluded with foreign nationals, refutes the traditional belief that contract is the exclusive domain of private law. This course offers an in-depth examination on how the presence of a government as a proper party to a contract affects contract formation, performance, breach and dispute settlement.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4235V-GovtContracts-Jean-1720.pdf

Classes : **Tuesdays (3.00pm – 6.00pm)**

HUMAN RIGHTS IN ASIA

COURSE CONVENOR: PROFESSOR THIO LI-ANN

Firstly, to impart a solid grounding in the history, principles, norms, controversies and institutions of international human rights law. Secondly, to undertake a contextualized socio-legal study of human rights issues within Asian societies, through examining case law, international instruments, policy and state interactions with UN human rights bodies. 'Asia' alone has no regional human rights system; considering the universality and indivisibility of human rights, we consider how regional particularities affect or thwart human rights. Subjects include: justiciability of socio-economic rights, right to development and self-determination, political freedoms, religious liberties, indigenous rights, national institutions, women's rights; MNC accountability for rights violations.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4133V%20HRA.pdf

Classes : **Thursdays (3.00pm – 6.00pm)**

SEMESTER COURSES

INTELLIGENCE LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: PROFESSOR SIMON A CHESTERMAN

This course examines national and international legal regulation of the secret intelligence activities of states. It ranges from historical treatment of spies under the laws of war, to national constraints of contemporary signals intelligence. National case studies will include the United States and Britain. Underlying theoretical questions include the appropriateness of constraints on executive power in times of crisis, and how law that must be public can and should handle activities whose nature must often be kept secret. The main text is Simon Chesterman, *One Nation Under Surveillance: A New Social Contract to Defend Freedom Without Sacrificing Liberty* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011). As the text will be relied on heavily you are expected to obtain your own copy. Options to do so can be found at <http://simonchesterman.com/blog/2011/02/24/one-nation-under-surveillance/>

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4161V-Intel%20Reading%20Guide%202018.pdf

Classes : Thursdays (12noon – 3.00pm)

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR GARY F BELL

This course aims to equip students with the basic understanding of the law of arbitration to enable them to advise and represent parties in the arbitral process confidently. Legal concepts peculiar to arbitration viz. separability, arbitrability and kompetenz-kompetenz will be considered together with the procedural laws on the conduct of the arbitral process, the making of and the enforcement of awards. Students will examine the UNCITRAL Model Law and the New York Convention, 1958. This course is most suited for students with some knowledge of the law of commercial transactions, shipping, banking, international sale of goods or construction.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4029V-ICA-Bell_website.pdf

Classes : Tuesdays (12noon – 3.00pm)

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LEE TYE BENG JOEL

Globalisation has made it more important for lawyers to be knowledgeable about the international aspects of litigation. This course focuses on the jurisdictional techniques most relevant to international commercial litigation: in personam jurisdiction, forum non conveniens, interim protective measures, recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, public policy, and an outline of choice of law issues for commercial contracts. The course, taught from the perspective of Singapore law, based largely on the common law, is designed to give an insight into the world of international litigation. These skills are relevant to not only litigation lawyers, but also lawyers planning international transactions.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4030V%20ICL-JLee-1720.pdf

Classes : Mondays (12noon – 3.00pm)

SEMESTER COURSES

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW & RELATIONS

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WANG JIANGYU

This course examines the international law and international relations dimensions of the current international economic systems and discuss the various possibilities for future reforms in light of the past and recent global economic crises. While the discussion will be based on the Bretton Woods System (the GATT/WTO, the IMF, and the World Bank), the course will focus mainly on the international regulatory framework of finance and investment. The purpose of the course is to let the students to develop a bird's eye view of the legal aspects of the international economic architecture as well as of the reasons - or the international political economy - behind its operation. Students will also be exposed certain fundamentals of international law and international relations concerning global economic affairs. Further, the course will examine the experiences of several countries' economic development and their use of international economic law to achieve economic growth.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4195V-Intl--Econ%20Law%20Relations.pdf

Classes : Mondays (12noon – 3.00pm)

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROTECTION OF INVESTMENT FLOWS

COURSE CONVENOR: RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR N JANSEN CALAMITA

This course will examine the treaties used by States to protect the interests of their investors when making investments abroad. It will pay particular attention to investor-State arbitration, which is increasingly becoming widespread in Asia and a growing part of international legal practice. It will examine not only the legal and theoretical underpinnings of these treaties and this form of dispute settlement, but also their practical application having regard to concrete cases.

Module Details:

[http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4050V%20PIL%20\(Thio\).pdf](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4050V%20PIL%20(Thio).pdf)

Classes : Thursdays (3.00pm – 6.00pm)

INTERNATIONAL REGULATION OF SHIPPING

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ROBERT BECKMAN

This course will examine the global regime governing the international regulation of commercial shipping. It will examine the relationship between the legal framework established in the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the work of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the UN specialized agency responsible for the safety and security of international shipping and the prevention of pollution from ships. The course will focus on selected global conventions administered by the IMO, including those governing safety of life at sea (SOLAS), the prevention of pollution from ships (MARPOL) and the training, certification and watchkeeping for seafarers (STCW). It will also examine the liability and compensation schemes that have been developed for pollution damage caused by the carriage of oil and noxious substances by ships, as well as the conventions designed to ensure that States undertake contingency planning in order to combat spills of oil and other noxious and hazardous substances in their waters. In addition, the course will examine the schemes that have been developed to enhance the security of ships and ports in light of the threat of maritime terrorism. It will also examine the role of the IMO in the prevention of pollution of the marine environment from dumping waste at sea and from seabed activities subject to national jurisdiction. This course will be useful to persons who intend to practice shipping law or work in the private or public maritime sector.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4034V-Intl%20Regulation%20of%20Shipping.pdf

Classes : Tuesdays & Thursdays (12noon – 1.30pm)

SEMESTER COURSES

ISLAMIC LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ARIF A JAMAL

The purpose of this course is two-fold: on the one hand, to examine parts of the legal history and heritage of Islam and the development of the traditions of Islamic law on the other, to reflect upon the nature and concept of law coming from this heritage and its influence on other aspects of society. As such, we will read materials, and consider issues, related to three topics: the history of Islamic legal thought from the formative period; the crystallisation of Islamic legal thought into works of fiqh and usul al-fiqh; and the contemporary application and practice of Islamic law.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4097V-Islamic%20Law-Arif-1720.pdf

Classes : **Fridays (9.00am – 12noon)**

LAW AND SOCIETY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ANDREW HARDING & GEORGE RADICS

This module aims to increase students' breadth of empirical knowledge and the depth of their theoretical understanding of issues of law, justice, and society. With urbanization and industrialization, modern societies have increasingly depended upon law to regulate the behaviour of their members and the activities of their institutions. This course will explore some issues in law and society in SE Asia, with an emphasis on how sexuality, ethnic and religious diversity are handled, and how justice is conceived; this background will be used to explore issues in the Singaporean justice system, where examples found elsewhere will be used to compare Singapore's unique approach to addressing issues of justice and society.

Module Details: http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4334-LawSoc%20in%20SEA-1720-Harding.pdf

Classes : **Mondays (12noon – 3.00pm)**

(Please note, Week 1-6 seminar will be held at NUS Law; Week 7 onwards seminar will be held at Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences)

LAW, INSTITUTIONS, AND BUSINESS IN GREATER CHINA

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR CHEN WEITSENG

This module aims to explore the interaction between legal institutions and economic/business development in Greater China (i.e. China, Taiwan, HK), with focus on China. How has China been able to offset institutional weaknesses at home while achieving impressive economic results worldwide? Have China's experiences indicated an unorthodox model as captured in the term "Beijing Consensus"? To what extent is this model different from East Asian models and conventional thinking in economic growth? This course reviews theories about market development in the context of Greater China, including securities, corporate regulations, capital markets, property, sovereign wealth funds, foreign investment, and anti-corruption etc.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4237V-Law%20Institution-Weitseng-1720.pdf

Classes : **Mondays (9.00am – 12noon)**

SEMESTER COURSES

LEGAL ARGUMENT & NARRATIVE

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR HELENA WHALEN BRIDGE

Narrative plays a prominent role in the persuasive presentation of facts in common law systems of litigation, but it is also a strong element in legal reasoning and judicial decisions. This module will analyse the pervasive reach of narrative in the law, particularly in the common law, examine why narrative is such an effective tool of legal persuasion, and explore advanced techniques of narrative.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4209V-Legal%20Argument-1720.pdf

Classes : Mondays (3.00pm – 6.00pm)

MARITIME CONFLICT OF LAWS

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PAUL MYBURGH

A practical understanding of maritime conflict of laws issues is essential for anyone who intends to work in shipping law or international trade. This course will provide a clear and accessible introduction to conflicts issues that arise in the day-to-day practice of shipping law. Topics may include conflict of jurisdictions, parallel proceedings and forum shopping in admiralty matters; role of foreign law in establishing admiralty jurisdiction; recognition and priority of foreign maritime liens and other claims; choice of law and maritime Conventions; conflicts of maritime Conventions; security for foreign maritime proceedings; and recognition and enforcement of foreign maritime judgments. No prior knowledge of conflicts theory or practice is required or expected, but prior or concurrent enrolment in an admiralty law course is essential.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4205V-MaritimeConflicts-Myburgh-1720.pdf

Classes : Mondays (3.00pm – 6.00pm)

MARITIME LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: PROFESSOR STEPHEN D GIRVIN

This course will provide an understanding of the legal issues arising from casualties involving ships. It will examine aspects of the law relating to nationality and registration of ships, ship sale and purchase, and the law of collisions, oil pollution, salvage, towage, wreck, pilotage, general average, and limitation of liability. Students successfully completing the course will be familiar with the international conventions governing these issues, as well as the domestic law of Singapore.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4099V%20Maritime.pdf

Classes : Tuesdays (6.30pm – 9.30pm)

SEMESTER COURSES

OCEAN LAW & POLICY IN ASIA

COURSE CONVENOR: MS TARA DAVENPORT

Ocean Law & Policy issues are of crucial importance to Singapore and Asia. This course will examine the evolving global legal regime governing the oceans by examining current issues in Asia. It will replace the existing course on Ocean Law & Policy, which does not have a specific regional focus. The new course will be on the list of modules available in the specialized LLM in Asian Law.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4140V-OLPA-Davenport-1720.pdf

Classes : Mondays (12noon – 1.30pm) & Wednesdays (4.00pm – 5.30pm)

PERSONAL PROPERTY LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: PROFESSOR MICHAEL BRIDGE

The objective of this course is to provide students with an understanding of key personal property concepts. Topics to be studied will include: types of personal property; personal property entitlements recognised at common law, notably, possession, ownership, title and general and special property, with some reference also to equitable entitlements; the transfer of such entitlements; the conflict between competing entitlements; the protection given by law to such entitlements; the assignment of things in action; security interests over personal property.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4258V%20Personal%20Prop.pdf

Classes : Tuesdays (9.00am – 12noon)

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR TAY SEONG CHEE, SIMON

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the legal issues that arise in private equity and venture capital from both practical and theoretical perspectives. The topics that will be covered explore the laws and practices relating to the whole cycle of the venture capital and private equity, including fundraising, investments, exits, foreign This foundational course introduces the student to the nature, major principles, processes and institutions of the international legal system, the relationship between international and domestic law and the role of law in promoting world public order. Students will acquire an understanding of the conceptual issues underlying this discipline and a critical appreciation of how law inter-relates with contemporary world politics, its global, regional and domestic significance. Topics include the creation and status of international law, participation and competence in the international legal system, primary substantive norms such as the law regulating the use of force and enforcement procedures.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4050V-PIL-Tay-1720.pdf

Classes : Tuesdays (9.00am – 12noon)

SEMESTER COURSES

STATE RESPONSIBILITY: THEORY AND PRACTICE

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR VINCENT-JOËL PROULX

The law governing the responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts is absolutely central in public international law and cuts across various sub-fields of that discipline. This seminar investigates the fundamental tenets of the law of State responsibility, both from theoretical and practical standpoints, while tracing some of its historical roots. More broadly, the seminar will provide an overview of different doctrines of State responsibility and different theories and approaches to liability under international law. More importantly, the later sessions of the seminar will engage critically with the role that the law of State responsibility can play in specific areas.

Module Details:

[http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4292V-State%20Res-Theory%20Practice%20\(Vin-Jo\).pdf](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4292V-State%20Res-Theory%20Practice%20(Vin-Jo).pdf)

Classes : **Tuesdays (3.00pm – 6.00pm)**

TAX PLANNING & POLICY

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR STEPHEN PHUA

This foundation course seeks to acquaint participants with a basic working knowledge of the most common income tax and GST tax issues faced by companies and individuals. As the primary focus of the course is the applicable tax laws that apply to transactions, participants are not expected to make tax computations. The course will be conducted in a practice-oriented approach. To enhance the learning outcomes, a hypothetical company undergoing the typical stages of setting up, raising of capital, recruitment of employees, executing the business plan will be used to illustrate the context in which tax issues arises. As the tax treatment of each receipt and expense will be considered at each stage, the discourse would entertain the extent to which tax avoidance is acceptable when a taxpayer chooses a commercial option that maximizes deductions, capital allowances and losses with a view to reduce the tax burden.

Module Details:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4056BVTaxPlanningPolicy-S2%20AY1718.pdf

Classes : **Tuesdays (3.00pm – 6.00pm)**

TRANSNATIONAL TERRORISM AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

COURSE CONVENOR: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR VINCENT-JOËL PROULX

While terrorism is not a new phenomenon, the sheer scale and transnational nature of that practice in recent years have challenged some of the core tenets of international law. This seminar investigates the role that international law can play, along with its shortcomings, in suppressing and preventing terrorism. It examines the manner in which terrorism and counterterrorism laws and policies have affected the scope and application of diverse international legal regimes including UN collective security, inter-State use of force, the law of international responsibility, international human rights, international humanitarian law, and international criminal law.

Module Details:

[http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4286V-Short%20Course%20Desp\(Proulx-1720\)rev.pdf](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/docs/LL4286V-Short%20Course%20Desp(Proulx-1720)rev.pdf)

Classes : **Fridays (9.00am – 12noon)**