

1. General

The *International Law Handbook: Collection of Instruments*:

- [Book One](#) contains the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the International Court of Justice, as well as instruments relating to the law of treaties, subjects of international law, diplomatic and consular relations, international responsibility, peaceful settlement of international disputes, international peace and security, international human rights law as well as movement of persons and international migration law.
- [Book Two](#) contains instruments relating to the law of armed conflict, international criminal law as well as disarmament and non-proliferation.
- [Book Three](#) contains instruments relating to the law of the sea, international environmental law and international watercourses.
- [Book Four](#) contains instruments relating to international labour law, law of cultural relations as well as international trade and investment law.

2. Introduction to International Law

The instruments related to the introduction to international Law are contained in [Book One](#), Chapters I and III of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the “Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [The History of International Law and the Role of Sovereignty](#), Mr. Alain Pellet ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The Sources of International Law](#), Judge Sir Christopher Greenwood ([Video](#) | [Audio](#)) [also in French ([Video](#) | [Audio](#)) and Spanish ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))]
- [What is General International Law?](#), Mr. Christian Tomuschat ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))

3. Law of Treaties

The instruments related to the law of treaties are contained in [Book One](#), Chapter II of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the “Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [Mini-series on the Law of Treaties](#), Mr. Duncan B. Hollis
 - Part I - Situating Treaties in History, Functions, and Sources ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - Part II - Defining the Treaty and Assessing the Alternatives ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - Part III - Treaty Formation - Negotiation, Consent, Entry into Force and Provisional Application ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - Part IV - Limiting Treaties - Validity Rules and Reservations ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - Part V - Treaties in Operation - Interpretation, Domestic Application, Amendments, and Treaty Exit ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties: Lights and Shadows](#), Mr. Santiago Villalpando ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [Practical Aspects of Treaty Law: The Depositary Functions of the Secretary-General](#), Ms Annebeth Rosenboom ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [Practical Aspects of Treaty Law: Treaty Registration under Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations](#), Ms Annebeth Rosenboom ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))

Some background information on the adoption and historical importance of the [Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties](#) and the [Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations](#), are contained in the Historic Archives section of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law.

4. State Responsibility

The instruments related to State responsibility are contained in [Book One](#), Chapter V of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the “Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [Mini-series on the Law of State Responsibility](#), Mr. Jorge E. Viñuales
 - General Overview on the Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - Conditions that Trigger the Responsibility of a State ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - Legal Consequences of an Internationally Wrongful Act and Invocation of the Responsibility of a State ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The International Law Commission's Articles on State Responsibility: Past and Future](#), Judge James Crawford ([Video](#) | [Audio](#)) [also in French ([Video](#) | [Audio](#)) and Spanish ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))]

Some background information on the adoption and historical importance of the [Articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts](#) and the [Articles on the Responsibility of International Organizations](#), are contained in the Historic Archives section of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law.

5. Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes

The instruments related to the peaceful settlement of international disputes are contained in [Book One](#), Chapters I and VI of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the “Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [The International Judicial Function](#), Judge Georges Abi-Saab ([Video](#) | [Audio](#)) [also in French ([Video](#) only) and Spanish ([Video](#) only)]
- [The Merits \(and Demerits\) of International Adjudication and Arbitration](#), Judge Stephen M. Schwebel ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [Some Salient Features of the Contemporary International Disputes in the Precedents of the International Court of Justice](#), Ms Mariko Kawano ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The Present and Future Role of the International Court of Justice in the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes](#), Judge Jiuyong Shi ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))

Some background information on the adoption and historical importance of the [Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes](#) is available on the Historic Archives section of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law.

6. International Peace and Security

The instruments related to International Peace and Security are contained in [Book One](#), Chapters I and VII of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and

the “Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [The Prohibition of the Use of Force in International Relations](#), Mr. Dapo Akande ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The Right of Self-Defense in International Law](#), Mr. Dapo Akande ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [Use of Force in Self-Defence Against Non-State actors in International Law](#), Mr. Dire Tladi ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [International Law and the Use of Force: What Happens in Practice?](#), Sir Michael Wood ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The United Nations Security Council Sanctions](#), Mr. Antonios Tzanakopoulos ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))

7. Law of the Sea

The instruments related to the law of the sea are contained in [Book Three](#), Chapter XIII of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the “Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [Mini-series on The Law of the Sea on the Thirtieth Anniversary of the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention](#), Judge Tullio Treves
 - The Formation of the Contemporary Law of the Sea: The Codification Era ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - The 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - “Transversal” Approach and the Protection of the Common Interest of All States ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - The Present Post-Codification Era ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - The Law of the Sea after UNCLOS: Open Challenges ([Video](#) | [Audio](#)).
- [Principles of Maritime Delimitation](#), Mr. Malcolm Shaw ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [International Legal Regime of Fisheries](#), Judge Jin-Hyun Paik ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [Landlocked States and the Law of the Sea](#), Judge Helmut Tuerk ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))

Some background information on the adoption and historical importance of the [United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea](#) and the [United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement](#), are available on the Historic Archives section of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law.

8. International Human Rights Law

The instruments related to international human rights law are contained in [Book One](#), Chapter VIII of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the “Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [A Brief History of International Human Rights Law](#), Judge Thomas Buergenthal ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [Universal and regional systems of protection of human rights: harmonization, complementarity or fragmentation](#), Ms Hélène Tigroudja ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [Explaining the Human Rights Treaty-Based Complaints Procedures at the United Nations Level](#), Mr. Markus Schmidt ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))

Some background information on the adoption and historical importance of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#), as well as of the [core international human rights treaties](#), are available on the Historic Archives section of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law.

9. International Humanitarian Law

The instruments related to international humanitarian law are contained in [Book Two](#), Chapter X of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the “Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [Mini Series on International Humanitarian Law](#), Mr. Marco Sassòli
 - Introduction to International Humanitarian Law ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - The Field of Application of International Humanitarian Law: International and Non-International Armed Conflicts ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law ([Video](#) | [Audio](#)).

10. International Criminal Law

The instruments related to international criminal law are contained in [Book Two](#), Chapter XI of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the “Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [The Concept of an “International Crime”](#), Mr. Roger O'Keefe ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The Rise of Individual Criminal Responsibility under International Law](#), Mr. Roger O'Keefe ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [Genocide and International Law](#), Mr. William A. Schabas ([Video](#))
- [The Crime of Aggression under International Law](#), Mr. Claus Kreß ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [Crimes against humanity](#), Mr. Sean D. Murphy ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The International Criminal Court at a Glance](#), Judge Sang Hyun Song ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))

Some background information on the adoption and historical importance of the [Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia](#), the [Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda](#), and the [Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court](#), are available on the Historic Archives section of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law.

11. International Environmental Law

The instruments related to international environmental law are contained in [Book Three](#), Chapter XIV of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the “Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [International Environmental Law](#), Ms Edith Brown Weiss ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The Commons, Public Goods and International Law](#), Ms Edith Brown Weiss ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [Environmental Protection in Customary International Law](#), Mr. Jorge E. Viñuales ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The International Law of Climate Change after the Paris Agreement](#), Mr. Jorge E. Viñuales ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))

12. International Organizations

The instruments related to International Organizations are contained in [Book One](#), Chapters I, III and V of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the

“Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [The Law of International Institutions](#), Judge Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The Legal Personality of International Organizations](#), Mr. Guglielmo Verdirame ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [Immunity of International Organizations](#), Mr. Niels Blokker ([Video](#) / [Audio](#))

13. Consular and Diplomatic Relations

The instruments related to Consular and Diplomatic Relations are contained in [Book One](#), Chapter IV of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the “Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [Mini-series on Diplomatic and Consular Relations](#), Ms Philippa Webb
 - Introduction and Diplomatic Missions ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - Immunities of Diplomatic and Consular Officials and Diplomatic Asylum ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - Consular Relations ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - The Breakdown of Diplomatic Relations ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [Diplomatic and Consular Law — Topical Issues](#), Ms Eileen Denza
 - Part I ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - Part II ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The Immunity of State Officials from Foreign Criminal Jurisdiction](#), Mr. Dapo Akande ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))

Some background information about the adoption and historical importance of the [Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations](#), the [Vienna Convention on Consular Relations](#), and the [Convention on Special Missions](#), are available on the Historic Archives section of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law.

14. International Trade Law

The instruments related to international trade law are contained in [Book Four](#), Chapter XVIII of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the “Related Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [The General Basic Legal Principles that Underpin the International Trading System \(The Basic Legal Principles of the WTO\)](#), Ms Gabrielle Marceau ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The Principle of Non-discrimination in International Trade Law](#), Mr. Makane Moïse Mbengue ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The National Treatment Clause in WTO Law](#), Mr. Makane Moïse Mbengue ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
- [The WTO Dispute Settlement System](#), Mr. Peter Van den Bossche ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))

15. International Investment Law

The instruments related to international investment law are contained in [Book Four](#), Chapter XVIII of the *International Law Handbook*. In addition, you may wish to consult the following lectures, and the “Related

Materials” tab under each lecture, which contains links to the instrument and documents cited by the lecturer.

- [An Introduction to the Evolving International Investment Regime](#), Mr. José E. Alvarez
 - Part I: Introduction, ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - Part II: Comparing Dispute Settlement Mechanisms ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))
 - Part III: Critiques of the Investment Regime ([Video](#) | [Audio](#))