

LAW-573: *CD: International Criminal Law

The course will cover international criminal law and transitional justice through the use of case studies from around the world. The course will cover international criminal law, and its foundation in international human rights law and international humanitarian law. We will examine accountability for mass human rights violations through war crimes tribunals, beginning with the post-World War II tribunals in Nuremberg and Tokyo. We will then explore the evolution of international criminal law through treaties and conventions, as well as mechanisms for accountability such as international criminal tribunals and specialized domestic courts. The course will also explore transitional justice, the counterpart to accountability, that focuses on societal reconciliation, through restorative justice measures such as truth and reconciliation commissions and reparations. We will explore various transitional justice measures such as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa, as well as remedial measures following state conflict, such as compensation commissions, reparations and amnesty agreements. We will use a new case study each week to explore these various aspects of international criminal law and transitional justice. Case studies include conflicts in Rwanda, Yugoslavia, Sierra Leone, Cambodia, South Africa, Colombia, Iraq, and the United States, among others.

Credits: 3

Program: Law