Venice International University
Graduate Seminar
International Law in the Age of AI and Cyber

Venice International University
October 26-30, 2026

Faculty

Prof. Andrea Gattini, University of Padua, Italy (Coordinator)
Prof. Gleider Hernández, KU Leuven, Belgium (Co-coordinator)
Prof. Mariko Kawano, Waseda University, Japan (Co-coordinator)
Prof. Kubo Mačák, University of Exeter, UK (Co-coordinator)
Dr. Marco Dimetto, University of Padua, Italy
Dr. Aleksandra Kuczerawy, KU Leuven, Belgium
Prof. Ana Beduschi, University of Exeter, UK
Prof. Philippa Webb, University of Oxford - Institute for Technology and Justice, UK
Dr. Andrea Crescenzi, National Research Council, Italy

Agenda

Day 1 | Monday, October 26

09:00-09:30 – *Registration and VIU Welcome Remarks*

9:30-10:30 – General introduction (Coordinator and Co-coordinators)

10.30-11.15 – Keynote speech '*AI and International Law: Challenges and Opportunities*' (Philippa Webb)

11:15-11:45 – *Coffee Break*

11.45-12.30 – The environmental impacts of artificial intelligence from an international and european law perspective (Andrea Crescenzi)

12:30-14:00 – *Lunch*

14.00-16.00 – Students' presentations ("10 mins about myself")

Day 2 | Tuesday, October 27

9:20-9:30 – Introduction to day 2 – Gleider Hernández

9:30-11.00 – '*General International Law in the Age of AI: from the UN Charter to other international legal sources*' (Gleider Hernández)

11:00-11:30 – *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:00 – 'AI, Cyber, and Human Rights: International and Regional Human Rights Perspectives' (Aleksandra Kuczerawy)

13:00-14:00 – *Lunch*

14.00-15.30 – Case studies & students' presentations

15:30-15:45 – *Break*

15.45-17.15 – Case studies & students' presentations

Day 3 | Wednesday October 28

9:20-9:30 – Introduction to day 3 (Andrea Gattini)

9:30-11.00 – '*WTO Law and Policy on AI*' (Andrea Gattini)

11:00-11:30 – *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:00 – '*Investment Law & Arbitration and AI*' (Marco Dimetto)

13:00-14:00 – *Lunch*

14.00-15.30 – Case studies & students' presentations

15:30-15:45 – *Break*

15.45-17.15 – Case studies & students' presentations

19:00 – Social Dinner in Venice (tbc)

Day 4 | Thursday October 29

9:20-9:30 – Introduction to day 3 (Mariko Kawano)

9:30-11.00 – '*Attribution and Injuries in International Responsibility of States in the Age of AI*' (Mariko Kawano)

11:00-11:30 – *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:00– '*Settlement of International Disputes in the Age of AI*' (Mariko Kawano)

13:00-14:00 – *Lunch*

14.00-15.30– Case studies & students' presentations

15:30-15:45 – *Break*

15.45-17.15 – Case studies & students' presentations

Day 5 | Friday October 30

9:20-9:30 – Introduction to day 3 (Kubo Mačák)

9:30-11.00 – '*AI and Armed Conflict*' (Kubo Mačák)

11:00-11:30 – *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:00 – '*AI and Humanitarian Action'* (Ana Beduschi)

13:00-14:00 – *Lunch*

14.00-15.30 – Case studies & students' presentations

15:30-15:45 – *Break*

15.45-17.15 – Student activity: work on your own personal subject

17:15-17:45 – *Wrap up and Closing Remarks*

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Faculty's short bio

Andrea Gattini is Full Professor of International Law- Law School and Director of the School on European Legal and Social Studies of the University of Padova. He has an education in Law and Political Sciences at the Universities of Padua and Bologna; Doctor Juris in International Law at the Ludwig-Maximilian-University of Munich.
Prof. Gattini is a co-opted member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerrecht and of the Société française de droit international. Member of the American Society of International Law, the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, the European Society of International Law, the Italian Society of International Law.
He is the author of two monographs on circumstances precluding wrongfulness (in German 1991) and on State responsibility for war damages (in Italian 2003) and of numerous articles and essays in leading international journals on theory of international law, state responsibility, international dispute settlement.

Gleider I. Hernández is Professor of Public International Law at KU Leuven. He took a D.Phil from Wadham College, Oxford, read for an LL.M in Public International Law at Leiden University, and for BCL (civil law) and LL.B (common law) degrees at McGill University in Canada.
Professor Hernández is the immediate Past President (2023-2025) and former Secretary-General (2021-2023) of the European Society of International Law; Member of the Editorial Boards of the European Journal of International Law, the Revue belge de droit international, Global Policy journal; and the Academic Review Board of the Cambridge International Law Journal. He is also, since 2014, General Editor of the Oxford Reports on International Courts of General Jurisdiction (Oxford Scholarship Online).In addition to academic work, Professor Hernández has extensive international law practice experience. In addition to acting as counsel for States in proceedings at the International Court of Justice, he has served as Special Assistant to the President of the Arbitral Tribunal seated in the ICSID resubmission proceedings Pey Casado and Foundation President Allende v Republic of Chile. Moreover, he was nominated to the European Commission's Directorate-General on Trade's List of Chairpersons in Arbitrations and Expert Panel Proceedings in relation to Trade and Sustainable Development. He is also a Member of the Legal Action Committee of the GLANLaw.org group, a non-governmental organisation dedicated to challenging injustice through innovative legal strategy. From 2007 to 2010, he served as Associate Legal Officer at the International Court of Justice, as Law Clerk to Judges Bruno Simma and Peter Tomka.

Mariko Kawano is Professor of International Law at the Faculty of Law, Waseda University in Tokyo.
Professor Mariko Kawano is Professor of International Law at the Faculty of Law, Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan (since 2004).
Professor Kawano has been a member of various committees of the ministries of Japan, including: the Advisory Group on State Immunity – Ministry of Justice (2007-2008); the Consultative Committee on Maritime Affairs – Ministry of Land and Transport (2007-, Chairperson, 2014-); the Headquarters for Ocean Policy of the Government of Japan (Councilor, 2012-2016); the Advisory Group on the Oceanic and Environmental Policy (2013-); the Advisory Group on the Ocean Policy and Ports (2014-); the Council on Customs, Tariff, Foreign Exchange and Other Transactions – Ministry of Finance (2015-, Chairperson of the Planning Committee, 2016-); the Bar Exam Committee (2018-); and the Committee for the Guidelines of Cruise Ships (2020).
Her main research themes are Pacific Settlement of Disputes and State Responsibility.

Kubo Mačák is Professor of International Law at the Law School and a member of the Exeter Centre for International Law at the University of Exeter.

Kubo's research interests span general international law, international humanitarian law, and the law of cyber security. He is the author of Internationalized Armed Conflicts in International Law (Oxford University Press 2018). His work has been published in journals including the the International & Comparative Law Quarterly, International Review of the Red Cross, the Journal of Conflict and Security Law, and the Chinese Journal of International Law. Kubo has been a Europaeum visiting researcher at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva; a Research Fellow of the Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions at the University of Haifa, Israel; a Gastwissenschaftler (visiting scholar) at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg, Germany; and a Visiting Fellow of The Hague Program for Cyber Norms at the University of Leiden, the Netherlands.

He has worked at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague and at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania. He has also served as a law clerk to the President of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic. In 2024, he served as Director of Studies at the Hague Academy of International Law.

Kubo is currently acting as the General Editor of the Cyber Law Toolkit and as the Principal Investigator of "The Handbook on Developing a National Position on International Law in Cyberspace: A Practical Guide for States" project.

Marco Dimetto is Assistant Professor of International Law at the University of Padua, School of Law, where he teaches International Economic Law and Elements of International Law and Cyberspace. His publications mainly address issues of international dispute settlement, international trade and investment law, and international law and technological development. He is the recipient of the 2021 Rosalyn Higgins Prize by The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals (Brill) and of the 2024 yearly prize of the Italian Society of International and European Union Law (Premio SIDI). He has been visiting Scholar at the Max Planck Institute for International European and Regulatory Procedural Law – Luxembourg (2018), at the World Trade Institute - University of Bern (2022), at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law – Heidelberg (2023), and at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law – Hamburg (2025).

Aleksandra Kuczerawy is an Assistant Professor of ICT law at the KU Leuven Center for IT & IP law (CiTiP).

Her research focus is on fundamental rights online with particular attention to freedom of expression, platform regulation, moderation of illegal and harmful content, disinformation and Artificial Intelligence. She participated in the works of the Committee of experts on Internet Intermediaries (MSI-NET) at the Council of Europe, responsible for drafting a recommendation by the Committee of Ministers on the roles and responsibilties of internet intermediaries and a study on Algorithms and Human Rights, and was appointed a member of a CoE Committee of Experts on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG). She is a lecturer in media law and AI ethics and regulation at the KU Leuven. Moreover, Aleksandra supervises CiTiP's Media Law group including numerous Horizon2020 projects. Aleksandra is the author of the book "Intermediary Liability and Freedom of Expression in the EU: from concepts to safeguards".

Ana Beduschi is a Full Professor of Law with a Personal Chair at the University of Exeter. Her research and teaching focus on the intersection of law and technology, particularly artificial intelligence, with an emphasis on data protection law, international human rights law, and privacy. Her recent publications examine the regulatory approaches to digital technologies and human rights, synthetic data and privacy, extended reality and its impact on data protection and privacy, the impact of Covid-19 health status certificates on human rights, the implications of artificial intelligence for international migration management, the opportunities and challenges presented by digital identity, and the implications of big data and artificial intelligence for humanitarian action.

She has held Visiting Research Fellowships at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg (2017) and the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (University of Geneva) (2019 and 2021-2022).

Philippa Webb is Professor of Public International Law at the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford. She is Co-founder and Director of the Oxford Institute of Technology and Justice., which aims to harness AI to advance justice.

Her research interests span all of Public International Law, with particular expertise in international dispute settlement, human rights, international organizations law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law. She has been described as “the foremost expert on state immunity”. In 2025, she was elected to the Institut de droit international, whose membership comprises the world's 132 leading international lawyers.

Philippa has extensive experience in international and national courts, with prior roles including Special Assistant and Legal Officer to Judge Rosalyn Higgins GBE KC during her Presidency of the International Court of Justice and legal adviser to the Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court. She is a barrister at Twenty Essex and regularly appears as counsel and advocate before the International Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights, the International Tribunal For the Law of the Sea, inter-State arbitral tribunals and the UK Supreme Court. Her scholarship been cited by the leading national courts in the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Australia and South Africa and has twice been awarded the top prize in international law publishing – the American Society of International Law’s Certificate of Merit.

Andrea Crescenzi is a Senior Researcher at the Institute for International Legal Studies Studies of the Italian National Research Council (CNR-ISGI). As a Research Fellow, he has been carrying out his research activities in international law field, with specific experience in international human rights law (people disabilities, migrants law, international criminal law, international environmental law). He is a ‘Correspondent’ of the Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law (T.M.C. Asser Institute, The Hague).

In the field of migrants law, he has been a member of the National Contact Point (NCP) – European Migration Network (EMN); he has been an assistant to the scientific coordination of Progetto FEI (azione 10) Partecipare per integrarsi; and he has been a Research Fellow in the ISGI Project on “Progetto Migrazioni”, commissioned by the Italian government with a special focus on The Equality and Non-Discrimination of migrants Under International Human Rights Law. He is a Secretary General of Italian Section of Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem – (AWR)

He has been, also, assistant to the scientific coordination and financial officer of the EU Project “Making the Charter of Fundamental Rights a living instrument” (2012-2014); Grant Holder of the MARSEFENET Project “The Network of Experts on the Legai Aspects of Maritime Safety and Security” (2012-2014).

Andrea Crescenzi is author of several essays, comments, reports and other scientific documents and he gives lectures about those topics at symposium and seminars.Il dr.