Public International Law
introduction, theory, origins

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Introduction

What is law?

What is international law?

How does international law differ from domestic law?
  ▶ sources
  ▶ actors
  ▶ remedies and enforcement
  ▶ scope
  ▶ “goals”
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What does international law mean for...

- a tort lawyer practicing in New York?
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What does international law mean for...

▸ an ambassador?
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What does international law mean for...

▶ the captain of a naval vessel?
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What does international law mean for...

- a UNHCR protection officer?
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What does international law mean for...

- an oil company executive?
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What does international law mean for...

▶ a protestor in Egypt?
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From Twitter user in Indonesia:

@n_zanki:
This is against international law, isn’t it?
RT @SherineT: AJ reporting on indiscriminate way tear gas is being fired #Egypt #Jan25
From Twitter user in DC:

@marywareham:
@hrw calls on #Egypt’s Armed Forces 2 maintain trust, restraint, + respect international law - see letter: http://bit.ly/hMFCrZ. #Jan25
From Twitter user in East London:

@shamimablake_:  
Isn’t it breaking international law if they ban internet access in Egypt?
From Twitter user in Qatar:

@NasserIbnHamad:
Egyptian officials and security personnels you are responsible and obliged by international law to protect protesters lives. #Jan25 #Egypt
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How do we study law?

How do we study international law?
Theories of Public International Law

Between technique and politics: preview of Martti Koskenniemi’s article on the fate of public international law
Theories of Public International Law

Example