

## Course Announcement

# International Disaster Law

**Course Convenor:** Emanuele Sommario

**Length:** 20 hours (2 ECTS Credits)

**Contents:** The course intends to explore the emerging area of International Disaster Law (IDL). A first introductory part will set out the scope of the subject, the rationale behind the emergence of IDL norms, and its interaction with other branches of international and supranational law concur to shape it. Next, specific legal issues pertaining to the international regulation of disaster prevention and response will be highlighted. Specific sessions will be devoted to an analysis of regional and sub-regional norms and mechanisms established to reduce and mitigate the effects of natural or human-made disasters. Lastly, disaster scenarios will be read and interpreted through the lens of international human rights law.

The classes delivered by the Scuola's faculty will be complemented by the following seminars held by guest lecturers:

- ❖ **Flavia Zorzi Giustiniani**, Uninettuno University, *The Works of the International Law Commission on "Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters"*
- ❖ **Giulio Bartolini**, University of Roma Tre, *Legal Status of Humanitarian Workers in Disaster Settings*
- ❖ **Federico Casolari**, University of Bologna, *Disaster Response and Prevention within the EU Legal System*

**Assessment:** Marks will be based on a written test, which will include multiple-choice as well as open questions.

**Language:** the course will be entirely taught in English

### Tentative Schedule:

Tue, May 6, 2014 - 10,30	Thu, May 22, 2014 - 10,30
Thu, May 8, 2014 - 10,30	Tue, May 27, 2014 - 10,30
Tue, May 13, 2014 - 10,30	Thu, May 29, 2014 - 10,30
Thu, May 15, 2014 - 10,30	Tue, June 3, 2014 - 10,30
Tue, May 20, 2014 - 10,30	Thu, June 5, 2014 - 10,30

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