

Course title	Empirical Research in International Law
Duration	4
Dates	TBA
Instructor	GEORGIOS DIMITROPOULOS
Course objectives	
The goal of this course is to introduce students to the field of Empirical Legal Research, with a specific focus on empirical research in international law.	
Course Description	
The research methods used in social science with a particular focus on applications to international law are going to be discussed. The students will be acquainted with the issues relevant to becoming good evaluators of empirical research, which is an uprising trend also in international law, as well as provide the relevant knowledge on how to design and conduct empirical research.	
Course Outline	
In the first part of the course, principles of basic research and study design will be presented. Issues and topics to be covered include basic research terminology, hypothesis and research question construction, methodology selection, and very basic statistical analysis. In the second part, the course will emphasize an applied approach to empirical research in international law based on examples to be drawn primary from the field of international courts, and human rights.	
Educational Outcomes	
To acquaint students with empirical work in international law, and introduce them to the basic tools in order to conduct empirical research in the field	
Basic Bibliography	<p>Oona A. Hathaway, <i>The New Empiricism in Human Rights: Insights and Implications</i>, 98 AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PROCEEDINGS 206 (2004)</p> <p>Erik Voeten, <i>The Impartiality of International Judges: Evidence from the European Court of Human Rights</i>, 102 AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW 417 (2008)</p> <p>Gregory Shaffer & Tom Ginsburg, <i>The Empirical Turn in International Legal Scholarship</i>, 106 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 1 (2012)</p>

	<p>Further Reading: Susan D. Franck, <i>Empiricism and International Law: Insights for Investment Treaty Dispute Resolution</i>, 48 VIRGINIA JOURNAL INTERNATIONAL LAW 767 (2008)</p> <p>Tom Ginsburg & Gregory Shaffer, <i>How Does International Law Work? What Empirical Research Shows</i>, in OXFORD HANDBOOK OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES (PETER CANE & HERBERT M. KRITZER eds., 2010)</p> <p>Adam S. Chilton & Dustin Tingley, <i>Why the Study of International Law Needs Experiments</i>, 34 COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW 67 (2013)</p> <p>Relevant Books PETER CANE & HERBERT M. KRITZER (EDS.), THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL RESEARCH (2010)</p> <p>ROBERT M. LAWLESS, JENNIFER K. ROBBENOLT & THOMAS S. ULEN, EMPIRICAL METHODS IN LAW (2010)</p> <p>LEE EPSTEIN & ANDREW D. MARTIN, AN INTRODUCTION TO EMPIRICAL LEGAL RESEARCH (2014)</p>		
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