

**Thirty-Fifth Course on International Law**  
**Rio de Janeiro, August 4 to 29, 2008**  
*“New Developments in International Law in the Americas”*

**Week One**

**Monday 4**

10:00 – 12:00

**Inauguration**

**Jean-Paul Hubert**, Chair of the Inter-American Juridical Committee  
**Jean-Michel Arrighi**, OAS Secretary for Legal Affairs

**Tuesday 5**

9:00 – 10:50

**Ricardo Seitenfus**

Member of the Inter-American Juridical Committee  
*“New legal challenges in the Americas: Migration and Development”*

11:10 – 1:00

**Jean-Michel Arrighi**

OAS Secretary for Legal Affairs  
*“Introduction to the Inter-American Legal System”*

2:30 – 4:30

**G. Bastid-Burdeau**

Professor of International Law, Université Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne,  
France  
*“Current Issues regarding the Continental Shelf I”*

4:30 - 5:30

**João Carlos Brandes Garcia**

President of the Court of Justice of the State of Mato Grosso do Sul

**Tercio Waldir de Albuquerque**

Professor of Public and Private International Law, Universidade para o  
desenvolvimento do Estado e da região do Pantanal – Campo Grande- MS,  
Brazil  
*“Access to Justice in Mato Grosso do Sul”*

**Wednesday 6**

9:00 – 10:50

**G. Bastid-Burdeau**

*“Current Issues regarding the Continental Shelf II”*

11:10 – 1:00

**Yusuf Abdulqawi**

Director of UNESCO’s Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs  
*“Evolution of the Notion of Cultural Heritage in International Law I”*

2:30 – 4:30

**AA Cancado Trindade**

Professor of International Law, University of Brasilia and  
of the *Instituto Rio Branco*, Brazil

*“New Developments with respect to the Broadening of International jus  
cogens”*

**Thursday 7**

9:00 – 10:50

**Luis Herrera Marcano**

Former member of the Inter-American Juridical Committee  
*“Arbitration between States and Foreign Investors I”*

11:10 – 1:00

**Yusuf Abdulqawi**

*“Evolution of the Notion of Cultural Heritage in International Law II”*

2:30 – 4:30

**G. Bastid-Burdeau**

*“Current Issues regarding the Continental Shelf III”*

**Friday 8**

9:00 – 10:50

**Luis Herrera Marcano**

*“Arbitration between States and Foreign Investors II”*

11:10 – 1:00

**Yusuf Abdulqawi**

*“Evolution of the Notion of Cultural Heritage in International Law III”*

2:30 – 4:30

**Mauricio Herdocia Sacasa**

Member of the Inter-American Juridical Committee

*“The Contribution of the Inter-American Juridical Committee to New  
Developments in International Law in the Americas”*

**Week Two**

**Monday 11**

9:00 – 10:50

**Freddy Castillo**

Member of the Inter-American Juridical Committee

*“Cultural Diversity”*

11:10 – 1:00

**Luis Toro Utrillano**

Senior Legal Advisor, OAS Secretariat for Legal Affairs

*“The Impact of the UN Declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples on  
the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: The  
Negotiation Process”*

2:30 – 4:30

**Stephen Vasciannie**

Former member of the Inter-American Juridical Committee. Member of the United National International Law Commission  
*“Caribbean Death Penalty, Issues Revisited”*

**Tuesday 12**

9:00 – 10:50

**Nuria González**

Researcher, Legal Research Institute, Universidad Nacional Autónoma, Mexico  
*“Family Law in a Globalized World: With Special Reference to International Adoption I”*

11:10 – 1:00

**Stephen Vasciannie**

*“Caribbean Libel Law and the Inter-American System: The Dudley Stokes Case”*

2:30 – 4:30

**Stephen Vasciannie**

*“Elements of Treaty Interpretation in International Law”*

**Wednesday 13**

9:00 – 10:50

**Nuria González**

*“Family Law in a Globalized World: With Special Reference to International Adoption II”*

11:10 – 1:00

**Luis Toro Utrillano**

*“The Impact of the UN Declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples on the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Substantive Aspects”*

2:30 – 4:30

**Ignacio Goicoechea**

Legal Liaison Officer for Latin America, The Hague Conference on Private International Law  
*“The Hague Conference I (Objectives, Modus Operandi, Agreements and Services)”*

**Thursday 14**

9:00 – 10:50

**Nuria González**

*“Family Law in a Globalized World: With Special Reference to International Adoption III”*

11:10 – 1:00 **Adriana Dreyzin**  
Professor of Private International Law, Universidad Nacional, Córdoba  
Argentina  
“*MERCOSUR: Reality and Outlook I*”

2:30 – 4:30 **Ignacio Goicoechea**  
“*The Hague Conference II (Objectives, Modus Operandi, Agreements and Services)*”

**Friday, 15**

9:00 – 10:50 **Ignacio Goicoechea**  
“*The Hague Conference III (Objectives, Modus Operandi, Agreements and Services)*”

11:10 – 1:00 **Adriana Dreyzin**  
“*MERCOSUR: Reality and Outlook II*”

2:30 – 4:30 **Elizabeth Villalta**  
Member of the Inter-American Juridical Committee  
“*New Developments in the Central American Integration Process*”

**Week Three**

**Monday 18** **Free day**

**Tuesday 19**

9:00 – 10:50 **Thierry Bourgoignie**  
Professor, Director of the Department of Legal Sciences at the University of Québec in Montreal, Canada. Director of the Research Group on International and Comparative Consumer Law (RGICCL)  
“*Regional and International Consumer Law I*”

11:10 – 1:00 **Thierry Bourgoignie**  
“*Regional and International Consumer Law II*”

2:30 – 4:30 **Marcelo G. Kohen**  
Professor of International Law, Graduate Institute of International Studies and Development, Geneva (Switzerland). Associate member of the *Institut de droit international*. Director General of the Latin American Society of International Law  
“*Uti possidetis as a criterion for the determination of borders in Latin America I*”

**Wednesday 20**

- 9:00 – 10:50      **Juan Carlos Murillo**  
Regional Legal Advisor. UNHCR  
*"International Protection of Refugees in the Americas: New Developments"*
- 11:10 – 1:00      **Marcelo G. Kohen**  
*"Uti possidetis as a criterion for the determination of borders in Latin America I"*
- 2:30 – 4:30      **Hector Gros Espiell**  
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay. President of the Latin American Society for International Law  
*"The Development and Broader Thematic Scope of International Law I"*

**Thursday 21**

- 9:00 – 10:50      **Juan Carlos Murillo**  
*"Strengthening the International Protection of Refugees through the Inter-American Human Rights System"*
- 11:10 – 1:00      **Pablo Saavedra**  
Secretary of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights  
*"Developments in the Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights I"*
- 2:30 – 4:30      **Hector Gros Espiell**  
*"The Development and Broader Thematic Scope of International Law II"*

**Friday, 22**

- 9:00 – 10:50      **Juan Carlos Murillo**  
*"The definition of 'refugee' in the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951"*
- 11:10 – 1:00      **Claudia Lima Marquez**  
Professor of International Law, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul.  
*"Weaker Party Protection in Private International Law and Consumer Protection Efforts of CIDIP VII"*
- 2:30 – 4:30      **Pablo Saavedra**  
*"Developments in the Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights II"*

**Week Four**

**Monday 25**

9:00 – 10:50

**Dario Soto**

Deputy Director of the OAS Trust for the Americas

*“The Right of Access to Information: Fundamental Notions and Recent Development in the Inter-American System I”*

11:10 – 1:00

**Ignacio Ibañez**

Specialist/Manager of the Counter-Terrorism and Terrorist Financing

Legislative Assistance project

Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE)

*“The International Legal Framework for Combating Terrorism. Universal and Inter-American Instruments I”*

2:30 – 4:30

**Anton Camen**

International Committee of the Red Cross Legal Adviser for Latin America and the Caribbean

*“Customary International Humanitarian Law”*

**Tuesday 26**

9:00 – 10:50

**Dario Soto**

*“The Right of Access to Information: Fundamental Notions and Recent Development in the Inter-American System II”*

11:10 – 1:00

**Ignacio Ibañez**

*“The International Legal Framework for Combating Terrorism. Universal and Inter-American Instruments II”*

2:30 – 4:30

**Gabriel Valladares**

International Committee of the Red Cross Legal Adviser for the Southern Cone

*“Elements of International Humanitarian Law”*

**Wednesday, 27**

9:00 – 10:50

**María del Luján Flores**

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the OAS

*“Reflections on Challenges for International Law I”*

11:10 – 1:00 **Alonso Chaverri**  
Attorney, Corporate Legal Affairs Division, Legal Department, IDB  
*“The Responsibility of International Organizations and the Organization’s Rules: Problems arising out of the Work of the International Law Commission I”*

2:30 – 4:30 **Juan José Ruda**  
Director of the International Studies Institute (IDEI) of the Catholic University, Peru  
*“Reflections on International Subjectivity, Religious Activists, and a Recent Interesting Case such as Kosovo I”*

**Thursday 28**

9:00 – 10:50 **María del Lujan Flores**  
*“Reflections on Challenges for International Law II”*

11:10 – 1:00 **Alonso Chaverri**  
*“The Responsibility of International Organizations and the Organization’s Rules: Problems arising out of the Work of the International Law Commission II”*

2:30 – 4:30 **Juan José Ruda**  
*“Reflections on International Subjectivity, Religious Activists, and a Recent Interesting Case such as Kosovo II”*

**Friday, 29**

10:00 **Closing session and handing out of certificates**