**JONY473XA0 Legal Reasonin in English – 6 ECTS**

***General description of the seminar:*** The seminar offers practical information on legal reasoning in English. The nearly exclusive focus is placed on English legal argument-building tasks relevant for lawyers outside the common law legal systems, including, but not limited to EU and international law related materials. A methodical approach is applied to study the structure of various reference systems applicable, the required legal papers. The course lays emphasis on all-skills development exercises, involving interactive and audiovisual tools.

***Special description of the seminar:*** Along the lines of a real case before the International Court of Justice (the landmark case in public international law Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua (Nicaragua v. United States of America)) students will get to know the structure of legal argumentation and good legal advocacy skills. This pragmatic course aligns the phases of the case as they appeared in real time. By this empiric approach it helps preparing students for the rigors of legal analysis in general international legal practice providing a variety of all-skills experiences including submission of the parties and legal opinions.

***Assessment*** is written: open-book examination and course-wise activity

***Bibliography:***

1. Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua (Nicaragua v. United States of America- a landmark case in public international law

-Memorial of Nicaragua and the Counter-Memorial of the United States of America

-the Judgment of the Court on Jurisdiction and Admissibility of the Application

-Separate Opinion of Judge Sir Robert Jennings

2. The Statute of the International Court of Justice

3. The Charter of the United Nations

***articles: miscellenea***

[http://articles.latimes.com/1985­01­20/news/mn­10776\_1\_world­court](http://articles.latimes.com/19850120/news/mn10776_1_worldcourt)

***documentaries and summaries of the case;***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOsDwFo2EhM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dqFredlTeE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5d_J-fUG_b0>