

International Law of Contemporary Media

Spring term 2011

Tuesdays, 2-4 pm, UniS A027

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Schedule of sessions

Session No / Date	Topics
Session 1: 22 February	Introduction to international media law and overview of the core themes
Session 2: 1 March	International human rights framework
Session 3: 8 March	International telecommunications law
Session 4: 29 March	The Internet: History, implications, jurisdiction in cyberspace and Internet governance
Session 5: 5 April	Interactive session: The boundaries of cyberspace: To regulate or not to regulate cyberspace?
Session 6: 12 April	International economic regulation: The World Trade Organization and its rules most pertinent to media Part 1
Session 7: 19 April	International economic regulation: The World Trade Organization and its rules most pertinent to media Part 2
Session 8: 3 May	International intellectual property regime: An Introduction
Session 9: 10 May	Media globalisation and its discontents: UNESCO vs. WTO; public interest rules (cultural diversity, public service broadcasting, etc)
Session 10: 17 May	Interactive session: The quest for cultural diversity in a new media environment: More or less regulation needed?
Session 11: 24 May	Emerging challenges and opportunities for media law
Session 12: 31 May	Q&As
Exam	June 2011 (tbc; possibly 8 June)