

## **JEAN MONNET EUROPEAN MODULE:**

**"The European Union in Public International Law: Selected Case- Studies"**

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### **Module description:**

**This is a European Module Jean Monnet, supported by special funding from the European Commission (Jean Monnet Action/ Erasmus +).**

**This European Module corresponds to a seminar at the undergraduate study programme (7<sup>th</sup> Semester) of the Department of Sociology of the University of the Aegean from 2016.**

**Twenty-five students participate in this seminar. They are involved in international studies in the context of the scientific interest of a Department of Sociology.**

### **Thematic priorities:**

**The interest of the Module is focused on those subjects of international law, state, international organizations and individuals. These subjects are deemed to express the current content of international law.**

**The state is an organized political entity, which is legalized to manage the power, over a defined geographical area (territory). A state comprises a set of structures that have the power to adopt and enforce rules solely geared to the organization and administration of the society living on its territory.**

**The twenty-first century, since its first day, has shown this interest in studying the relationship between state power and the structures of organization of society (civil society).**

**This relationship, while in the past characterized by conflicts and contradictions, given the contribution of organized international institutional structures (institutions, eg European Union, OECD, Bretton Woods system) developed governance processes, thereby suppressing the tendencies of dynamic supremacy over each other and deepening the democratic process (political power of organized social structures, the role of the state in social tensions).**

**The evolution of the organization and functioning of international society has added, alongside the States, a new institutional mechanism, the international organization. Thus, it is considered that international law can enjoy a more credible application in the context of global policy and institutional equilibrium.**

**The recognition of the individual as a subject of international law reflects the importance of respect for his rights and, in particular, his dignity, in the institutional endeavor of organizing a democratic international society.**

**Module structure:**

- 1. Principles and Values that have historically and ideologically influenced the evolution, definition of international law, its subjects and sources.**
- 2. The EU's contribution to the development of international law by recognizing the specific position of Union law in the relationship between national and international law, the shaping and expression of the international legal personality of the European Union and, ultimately, the strategic position adopted by the Union in the framework of the international society.**

**Activities and research work:**

- 1. Active student participation is ensured through work on issues that concern the institutional organization of the international community as well as the expected political balances within it, and the international law implementation.**
- 2. Organizing workshops on international issues related to the European Union's global strategy, aiming to inform the local community and its specific groups (journalists, military, teachers).**
- 3. Publication of a book (author :Professor Panos Grigoriou) on the subject: The Evolution of the Values and Principles of International Law. The EU Contribution, Eurasia Publ., Athens, 2019.**



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