

Convenio con la Universidad de Heidelberg para un Magíster en Derecho Internacional

Crónica

El día 13 de marzo de 2003 se firmó un Convenio entre la Universidad de Heidelberg y la Universidad de Chile, en el que participan las respectivas Facultades de Derecho, el Max-Planck-Institute for Public and Comparative Law y el Instituto de Estudios Internacionales de la Universidad de Chile.

A la luz de este Convenio se ofrecerá en Santiago un Magíster en Derecho Internacional, otorgado por la Universidad de Heidelberg y la Universidad de Chile, que reunirá a destacados académicos de las entidades participantes y a profesores invitados. El Programa se iniciará el año 2004 y prevé una participación de profesionales de Chile y otros países de América Latina. El Programa comprende una estadía en la Universidad de Heidelberg.

Entre los temas a tratar, generalmente en inglés, figuran los siguientes:

- The theory and structure of international law. This area examines the evolution of international law and its underlying concepts from its origins to the requirements of a highly complex international society, including the examination of prospective trends.
- States, individuals and international organizations. This area discusses the changing role of the main participants in the international legal system, its effects on sovereignty and the influence of international organizations, with particular reference to the United Nations and regional organizations in both Europe and the Americas. Particular attention is given to the developing role of the individual as a subject and actor of international law.

- International Peace and Security. The handling of conflict by the international community is discussed with a view to determine the strength and weakness of current international arrangements and organizations and the likely trends emerging in respect of the use of force.

- Settlement of international disputes. The evolving arrangements and new trends in international dispute settlement are examined in this area, including dispute settlement in specialized matters such as trade, investments, intellectual property and the Law of the Sea. Emphasis is placed on the role and modalities of international arbitration in a global society.

- The Law of international trade. A discussion of legal developments concerning international trade is undertaken in this area of study, including issues relating to economic integration, free trade agreements and the World Trade Organization.

- International Environmental Law. The increasing influence of environmental concerns is examined in the light of current legal developments, major treaties addressing environmental matters and solutions sought under regional arrangements, national legislation and the cooperation of private entities and business.

- The Law of the Sea. The evolving Law of the Sea as influenced by the United Nations Convention on the matter, recent treaty arrangements and the decisions of international courts and tribunals is examined in this other area.

- The Law of polar areas. The regimes governing the Antarctic and the Arctic are discussed with a view to identify issues concerning cooperation, resources and the environment and their likely treatment by participating States.

- Selected questions of private international law and commercial law. This area addresses a number of key questions of interest for the international community that have recently come to characterize private international law and commercial law. Discussions concerning international judicial cooperation, company law, competition and other matters of practical importance are included.

Éste es el primer magíster que ofrece la Universidad de Heidelberg en cooperación con otra Universidad y el primero en que participa el Max-Planck-Institute. El Programa es dirigido por el Profesor Francisco Orrego Vicuña.