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### **International Adjudication (International Courts and Tribunals)**

Dates: November 20-24, 26 & December 6, 7, 10, 11, 12

**Lecturer: Tjaco van den Hout** (LL.M. Leiden University) served from 1997 until 1999 as Deputy Secretary-General of the Dutch Foreign Ministry, and from 1999 until 2008 as Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague. Upon his return to diplomatic service in 2008, he was appointed Ambassador of the Netherlands to Thailand, Myanmar (Burma), Cambodia and Laos. He currently lives with his family in London. Following the publication of the award in July 2016, he was invited by the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) to give a public lecture on the South China Sea arbitration (Philippines vs People's Republic of China) - one of the most important cases in recent times.



**About the course:** This course offers students a deeper understanding of the role and functioning of international courts and tribunals in the resolution of disputes between states. It will give them insight into the contribution of these institutions to the “progressive development of public international law”. Landmark rulings will be discussed of the Permanent Court of International Justice (PCIJ), the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and a number of important international arbitral tribunals. One very recent case will be given special attention and analyzed in detail. The course is, from beginning to end, interactive and classes require preparation. Students are expected to read and study the judgements and arbitral awards of the cases discussed in class and should, when called upon, be able to recite the facts of these cases in a clear and coherent fashion.

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