**The Prohibition of Torture in International Law**

.

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**Short Description of the Course**

The course will start with an analyse of the notion of torture in general. It will explain the prohibition of torture by various universal and regional human rights instruments. A specific attention will be paid to the case-law of international courts on the matter. Recent tendencies to mitigate the strict and absolute prohibition by changing the notion of torture (f.e. water boarding) or the introduction of justification – (f.e. torture to rescue) will be put to discussion.

*The course is not meant to be a classical lecture in form of a monologue, but shall involve all participants by way of discussion. Active participation is not only welcome, but indispensable.*

**Literature**

* Catherine M. Grosso, International Law in the Domestic Arena: The Case

of Torture in Israel

* Andreas Laursen, Israel’s Supreme Court and International Human Rights Law:

The Judgement on ‘Moderate Physical Pressure’

* Judgement of the Israeli Supreme Court, of 26 November 2018, HCJ 9018/17
* Grand Chamber Case Gäffgen vs. Germany of 3 June 2010, Application no. 22978/05

**Assessment**

Take home exam