

Academia Diplomática de Chile "Andrés Bello"
Primer Año 2023
WORKSHOP ON GLOBAL GOVERNANCE AND INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS (WGGIO)
Professor: Ambassador (Ret.) Alfredo Labbé

Description:

The WGGIO, conducted in English (UK), shall consist in eight academic sessions divided in one introductory session, six presentations offered by the students (divided in six groups, following the pattern used for the Workshop on International Relations, 2023) and a final summary/debate session. Each presentation from the groups will be followed by a Q&A/debate segment.

Objectives:

The Workshop will provide a point of access to the world and dynamics of international organizations: a) from the conceptual framework/paradigm of Global Governance, and b) referring to Chilean Foreign Policy and multilateral practice. The groups will address the historic advance of global governance, centred in the origins of the United Nations (including the League of Nations) and the Chilean contribution to its development; the UN functioning; regional organizations focusing on the OAS; specialised organizations and -as an emblematic case, related to the principles of Chilean Foreign Policy- the Human Rights pillar.

The WGGIO will provide students with another opportunity to exercise their English skills and hone their multilateral-diplomacy potentials.

Methodology:

Class-room modality, along eight 90-minute sessions (with the possibility for an extension to 120 minutes). For their presentations the students will be requested to work on material previously distributed, including a mandatory bibliography. The students may freely add sources for their investigation/presentations.

The Workshop is organised in six thematic units; the students are allocated to six Groups, responsible for each of the presentations on them. All the students will be requested to study the distributed material and participate in the debates.

The pedagogic aim is fostering teamwork, negotiation and conference skills and stimulating multilateral diplomacy abilities.

Units

- 1) **Concepts and historical developments in Global Governance.** From the League of Nations to the United Nations. The emergence of specialised agencies: the Universal Postal Union, the International Labour Organization.
- 2) **The United Nations system.** Main bodies (Charter overview): General Assembly; Security Council; Economic and Social Council; the Secretariat. Expectations and limitations.
- 3) **The United Nations evolutionary development:** progress and reform. From a mainly collective-security mechanism to a "three-pillar" political, normative and operational enterprise. UN Summits; peacekeeping operations; the 2030 Agenda.
- 4) **Regional Organizations.** The Organization of American States. The protection of Human Rights. Multidimensional Security.

- 5) **Specialised organizations:** the World Health Organization (WHO); the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); the International Telecommunications Union (ITU); the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- 6) **The promotion and protection of Human Rights, the Chilean contributions.** The Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the "Bill of Rights". Normative development: Conventions and Declarations. Human Rights governance: from the Human Rights Commission to the Human Rights Council. The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Special Rapporteurs.

Groups

Unit 1. Juan Vivanco, Valeria Hernández

Unit 2. Catalina Rodríguez, Christian Orobia.

Unit 3. Camilo Godoy, Paula Rojas

Unit 4. Maximiliano Schenke, Mario Díaz, Devon Martínez

Unit 5. Silvana Bidirinis, Renato Segura, Leonardo Torres

Unit 6. Camila Espinosa, Abel Venegas, María Ignacia Rojas

Evaluation

50% Presentation

50% Active participation and contribution to debates; preparation of subjects; diplomatic ("soft") skills.

Bibliography:

- "International Organizations: the politics and processes of global governance" Margaret P. Karns, Karen A. Mingst. Biblioteca ACADE
- "United Nations Handbook", New Zealand's Government. PDF.
- "The United Nations and changing world politics", Thomas G. Weiss, David S. Forsythe, Roger A. Coate, Alfredo Labbé's library.
- "Governing the World" Mark Mazower, Penguin Books. Biblioteca ACADE
- "Chile actor del Sistema multilateral: una tradición nacional", Juan Somavía y Pedro Oyarce editores. Academia Diplomática de Chile (versión en PDF)

Other material will be distributed before the presentations.