



## Erfahrungsbericht – Sprachkurse und Sommerschulen in Bayern

Sprachkurs/Sommerschule:

### **Multilateralism under Pressure – What is the Future Role of International Law**

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I was very fortunate to receive the news that thanks to the financial support of the Bayerisch-Tschechische Hochschulagentur, I could attend the summer school in international law which is a part of the Munich International Summer University at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich. I already knew in advance that this opportunity will not only improve my knowledge of international law, but I will also meet a number of interesting people with diverse backgrounds. As is evident in my report the experience surpassed all my expectations.

The summer course took place from July 27th to August 5th. The programme was blended due to still ongoing pandemic. The first three days were conducted online on the Zoom platform. Luckily, for the second week we could meet in the Bavaria's capital – Munich. We were group of 20 mostly law students or young legal professionals who wanted to broaden their knowledge of international law from recognized capacities in the field. If I am counting right, we came to Germany from 18 different countries, from Brazil to Poland and China. Thanks to that, the discussions on the topics covered were always diverse and enriching. What might seem clear for a law student in one country might be perceived very differently by a student from the other half of the world.



The academic programme covered 7 different topics. Each of them was presented by a lecturer who specialises in that area. Some topics covered were for example, United Nations as a law maker and global norm evolution; the multilateral world trade order; or Climate change and the Paris Agreement. But my personal favourite were the lectures given by Prof. Kreß who is among others an ad hoc judge of the International Court of Justice. He presented his opinion about international criminal law consequences of the ongoing Russia's aggression against Ukraine, and also about the case of



The Gambia v. Myanmar, where he is currently involved as an ad hoc judge.

However, the summer schools are not only about the academic programme. The extracurricular activities were very well planned overall. Given the fact that our stay in Munich was only 5 days long, there were not many opportunities to visit places around Munich. However, it is an option for students who attend longer summer schools to visit interesting places, such as Dachau concentration camp or Neuschwanstein Castle. As part of our programme, there was a bus tour



around the most famous places in Munich which included for example the English Garden, the Nymphenburg Palace or the Olympic Park and BMW headquarters. Thanks to our guide and his witty remarks, it was an experience which we will all remember for a long time.

To sum up, the summer course in international law was a valuable experience not only for my professional life but also for my personal life. I met a lot of kind fellow student who I am now fortunate to call friends and I hope our paths will cross again in the future.