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## Master of Arts in Public Policy and International Law



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# The Master of Arts in Public Policy and International Law at The American University of Paris, in partnership with the University of Oxford International Human Rights Law Summer Program, is a highly competitive, one-year program that offers students a rigorous, interdisciplinary graduate degree.

The University of Oxford Summer Program in International Human Rights Law hosts an internationally recognized faculty teaching courses on the practice, history, philosophy, and doctrine of international human rights law. This intensive four-week certificate program offers courses on the fundamentals of international human rights law, human rights advocacy, and important contemporary issues in the field. The program aims to develop participants' advocacy and dissemination skills, as well as their formal knowledge of human rights law and the means for its enforcement, preparing students to contribute to the improvement of human rights in their homelands and around the world.

The three-semester curriculum provides indispensable tools for qualitative and quantitative public policy analysis, as well as essential foundational knowledge of public, environmental, and human rights law from a uniquely international perspective. Students are also encouraged to explore the interdisciplinary relationship between international public policy and law, a nascent field that underpins the current development of global governance.

Cohorts benefit from an extremely attractive faculty-to-student ratio, and a lively engagement with the international community in Paris and at Oxford.

Successful applicants should intend to work in an international environment and contribute to the resolution of complex global issues; as active proponents of social justice, they should expect to pursue careers in the public, non-profit, and private sectors.

## Learning Goals

- Students who graduate from the MPL program will demonstrate a clear understanding of the concept of causality in oral and written work. They will master articulate, succinct oral expression, and craft lucid, well-structured written prose.
- Successful MPL students will show initiative in seeking out resources and research opportunities.
- Students are expected to demonstrate mastery of basic public policy-making tools and foundational knowledge of international law across several fields.



**Fred Einbinder J.D.**, is an American lawyer (Illinois Bar) and a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law, The University of Paris Comparative Law Center, and the Executive MBA of HEC in Paris. He has worked in France as in-house counsel for large French infrastructure companies for over 25 years. He is Group General Counsel for Alstom, where he leads a legal department of 200 internationally-oriented lawyers based throughout the world and serves as corporate secretary to the Alstom board.



**Christian Joppke Ph.D.**, earned his doctorate in Sociology from University of California at Berkeley and specializes in comparative politics and political sociology. Internationally recognized for his scholarship, his past work analyzes the relationship between social movements and the state in liberal democracies and under communism. His current work focuses on the politics of immigration in liberal democracies, seeking to explain the causes and dynamics of immigration and asylum policies, citizenship, “multiculturalism,” and minority rights.

## Highlighted courses

International Criminal Law and Practicum in The Hague focuses on the complex legal structures that oblige states and international institutions to prosecute those crimes that impact the peace and security of humankind. The legitimacy and enforceability of international criminal law constitutes the overall framework of this seminar. The first part of this course explores substantive law with respect to war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. The second part of the course takes place in the courtrooms of The Hague, where students compare theoretical knowledge with actual events and discuss their findings with legal scholars and experts.

Comparative Law covers the world’s wide-range of legal systems; offers comparative evaluation of the merits of differing legal solutions to social problems, and details codified and un-codified law. Special attention is given to the prominent features of civil law and common law systems, such as the rule of precedent (common law) versus the reliance on good faith (civil law), or the investigatory civil procedure (civil law) and the adversarial civil procedure (common law). Selected civil law judgments and common law judgments will be compared. Theory and methodology constitute the overall framework used for engaging in comparative legal analysis.

Politics and Policy I: Positive Comparative Politics provides an introduction to this subfield of political science. Though Comparative Politics is often subject to vast international comparisons, substantive themes persist, such as development, democratization, and regime change. This course addresses some of these dominant issues and also examines the origins, development, and functions of the modern state, forms of interest representation, and state-society relations. Key contemporary challenges to political systems around the world are also reviewed, including the “constitutionalization” of politics, globalization, and regionalization, as well as transnationalization.

1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (Fall)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (Spring)	Summer (Summer)
2 Public Policy core courses	2 Public Policy core courses	Int'l Criminal Law course + The Hague practicum
2 International Law courses	2 International Law courses	Oxford University certificate program
16 credits	16 credits	16 credits

\* The program begins in the fall semester. Students complete the program in one calendar year.