

Maastricht University Faculty of Law	
Area of Research	Emerging Powers and Regional Approaches in Public International Law
Affiliated Research Institute	Department of International and European Law
Team of possible Promotor(s) and reference publications	Dr. Wim Muller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/wim.muller/research Prof. Jure Vidmar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/jure.vidmar/research
Additional Supervisor(s)	
Faculty Research Program(s) (more options possible)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Global Justice o Institutional Transformations o Globalising Markets o Cross-border Cooperation and Mobility o Law and Technology
Applicable Chinese Government Sectors for Talent Development	Humanities and Social Sciences
Proposed list of topics (non exhaustive)	<p>Emerging Powers and Regional Approaches in Public International Law</p> <p><i>Introduction: While the international legal order has traditionally been tilted towards the west, a shift in emphasis may be occurring towards East Asia. Regional approaches to international law are gaining prominence and emerging powers are demanding a greater voice. This changes the dynamics of the making and interpretation of international law, which serves a dual role as a procedural framework for dispute settlement but also a vehicle for making and breaking consensus on international norms across a number of important fields.</i></p> <p><i>Hypothesis and Objectives: The emergence of China as well as the increased familiarity of other states with international law and institutions will change an originally Western system and make it more truly universal. The objectives of this project are both to understand how this affects the foundations of the international legal system as well as specific regimes. It can focus on one area of law, including international trade, the law of the sea, and international peace and security or take a broader view.</i></p> <p><i>Impact: The project will improve the mutual understanding between Western and other approaches to international law. It will contribute to the development of a framework through which the way international law is used by states and other actors can be understood.</i></p>
Methodology	The project methodology varies from doctrinal legal research to interdisciplinary approaches, analysing the law from historical, political and sociological perspectives. The research will be conducted within the Department of International and European Law of the Faculty of Law.