“SUCCESSIVE, PARALLEL AND CONTRADICTORY COMMITMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW”

OUTLINE OF LECTURE

The growing normative network and the problem of the relationship between legally binding international instruments, legally binding and legally non-binding texts, and finally among legally non-binding texts; Function and analysis of Article 30 of the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and the similar Article 30 of the 1986 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations; Examples from current practice; The question of “higher law”; The relationship between treaty and custom; Further judicial approaches; Non legally binding commitments and the concept of soft law.