

Assignment II

Deadline: Thursday, 29 September at 18:00 (Submit via Moodle)

Mrs Pictet, a national of Immunia, is the founder and co-owner of a small but profitable investment company called Progress, which emerged in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis when it engaged in successful speculations in 'crisis economies'. Progress claims special expertise in real estate and infrastructure investments.

On 3 July 2021, a bridge collapses near the town of Enago in Jurisia, a developing country, leaving a total of 48 persons dead. The casualties include not only Jurisians but also 9 Spanish and 5 Portuguese nationals who had been on a bus tour. About a year after the incident, Mr Truer, a US investigative journalist, reports that the bridge, owned by Progress since 2011, had not been maintained for over seven years prior to the tragedy. According to an email that he had obtained, Mrs Pictet had personally ordered to cease maintenance to 'cut some redundant costs' in what is a 'banana republic that nobody cares about anyway'. The report also describes how the workers involved in the reconstruction efforts, mostly of Immunian nationality, are living in 'conditions reminiscent of slavery', not being paid but threatened and subjected to beatings by Jurisan police present on the site. According to the report, Mrs Pictet had conspired with Mr Schachter, a corrupt but influential local MP and secretary of the governing party of Jurisia, in an effort to launder millions of US dollars.

A few weeks after publication of the article, Mr Schachter agrees to be interviewed by Mr Truer in his offices in Jurisia. However, from the moment of the meeting, the newspaper loses any contact with Mr Truer and the two young staffers (also US nationals), who had accompanied their boss. Two days later, US police questions Mrs Pictet, who is a US resident. She reveals that three dead bodies had been sighted at the construction site in Enago but vehemently denies any involvement in, or knowledge of the killings.

Questions: in which states could Mrs Pictet and Mr Schachter be prosecuted for which actions? What principles of international law are at stake in each case?

While there is no strict word limit for this assignment, the questions can be answered appropriately in an essay of 600-800 words.

To allow for anonymous grading, please do not state your name but only your student ID.

The assignment will be graded using the following assessment criteria:

	Sufficient (60%)	Good (70%)	Excellent (> 80%)
Analysis (40%)	The essay provides a mostly sound legal analysis and mentions most of the legal principles that are at stake.	The essay offers provides a sound legal analysis and mentions most of the legal principles that are at stake.	The essay provides a sound legal analysis based on a complete and correct application of the legal principles at stake.
Conclusion (15%)	The analysis comes to a partially correct conclusion.	The analysis comes to a correct conclusion.	The analysis comes to a correct conclusion.
Structure (20%)	The line of thought is mostly clear. The structure does not inhibit the legibility of text.	The line of thought is mostly clear. The structure supports legibility of text.	Line of thought is easy to follow and fully supported by the structure.
Language and Style (25%)	Grammar and style enable understanding of information. The text features only few spelling or grammar mistakes.	Grammar and style enable understanding of information. No errors can be detected by spellcheckers.	Grammar and style support the legibility of the document. The language used is correct and marked by conciseness.