Report from October 15th UNU Conversation Series

**“Does International Law Matter?” by OMRI SENDER** (advisor and litigator in public law)

I would like to stress first about the class which has very special atmosphere. Soft and elegant but VERY SERIOUS and KEEN open・conversation class impressed us deeply as usual.

Because of time and space, let me summarize next several points.

1: Where does this question come from? Because international law is very difficult to keep effectively functioning.

2: The short answer by the speaker “Yes”. It functions and operates on daily biases. 95% is working. It means only 5% of violation.

3: How? The power of international community makes it possible. It keeps giving sense of substances, obligation which leads to” treaty “for example.

4: In what are? They are from human rights issue, borderline in public sea and it keeps broadening on economic and other area. In future cyber and space ,too will be treated.

5: Related to “Populism”, it makes the problem more difficult. But “multilateralism” and “making good system” will be the key points to keep international law keep functioning.

That’s all for today.

This time. Ms Hirai, Ms Nagai and Kumada were enjoying sharing NICE ecperience.

Next time I hope someone else can join us. Well then see you then.

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