

Geneva, ____ June 2019.

**To the President of the
Europe Central Foundation
(Mitteleuropa Stiftung)**

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Romina Edith PEZZOT, an argentine lawyer graduated from the University of Buenos Aires and also a First Year Master Student in International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, who has been granted a full scholarship for living expenses for the academic year 2018-2019.

I am writing to you to formally express my gratitude because thanks to the economic help monthly received it has been possible for me to carry out the mentioned outstanding and challenging program. During the first semester I had the opportunity to take different courses that helped me to learn about the basic principles and complex issues of Environmental Law (by Professor Vignuales); how transnational legal processes influence the conducts of public and private entities (by Professor Zarbiyev); the techniques of interpretation and legal reasoning that judges use to support their decisions (by Professor Bianchi); the continue importance of fundamental principles of public international law (by Professor Kohen); and how classical gender stereotypes influence terrorism policies adopted by States and international organizations (by Professor Reysoo). I would like to highlight that thanks to the proposal done by Professor Reysoo, four students and I will present our final research of the seminar in this year's conference of the Swiss Association for Gender Studies (in September).

Moreover, the second semester has overcome my expectations due to the courses I have been attending with Professor Clapham (in which we go through the classical topics of Public International Law and International Humanitarian Law by analyzing nowadays challenges); Professor Gaeta (by studying the fundamental principles and rules of International Criminal Law and applying them to the Syrian armed conflict); and Professor Krisch (by understanding the historical and ideological backgrounds that have influenced the creation of International Law).

Furthermore, the assistance to the weekly conferences and talks organized by the Graduate Institute have been an important part of my experience and education in Geneva. Just to mention three examples, it was a pleasure to assist to the lecture given by judge Joan Donoghue

on the role of international courts in global governance; the screening of the winning documentary “Broken” (related with the Israeli-Palestine conflict); and the presentation of the second edition of Professor Chimni’s *International Law and World Order*. Besides, I participated in the blood donation day, the health and well-being week; and in workshops organized by the Career Services, among other events.

I am extremely thankful for the financial aid received as it has allowed me to attend a Master Program far from home, and at the same time to focus completely in my studies. This Master degree from the Graduate Institute will allow me in the future to lecturer for postgraduate students and also to conduct research projects at the University of Buenos Aires in Argentina. Thanks again for your generous support and for enabling this opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Romina Edith Pezzot.