

# RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL LAW & MUNICIPAL LAW



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There are **5 THEORIES** regarding relationship between International Law & Municipal Law.

## THEORY 1 : MONISM THEORY

Law is a unified field of knowledge i.e., International law & Municipal law are of *same phenomenon*.



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It is applicable to Individuals & States.

## THEORY 2 : DUALIST THEORY

International Law & Municipal law *are different*.

Individual is subject of Municipal law,  
**Whereas**  
State is subject of International law.

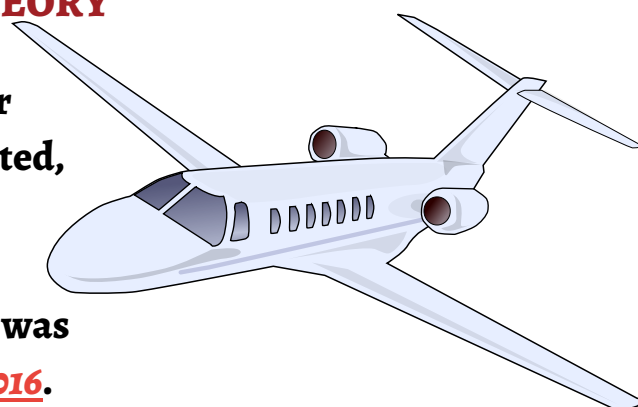


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## THEORY 3 : SPECIFIC ADOPTION THEORY

If you want to apply international law in your state( eg : India), it has to be specifically adopted, for it to be enforced.

Example : **Hague Hijacking Convention 1970**, was specifically enforced by Anti-Hijacking Act, 2016.



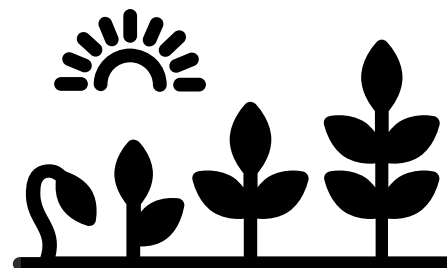
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## THEORY 4 : TRANSFORMATION THEORY

International law cannot be applied in Municipal law unless the municipal law allows its machinery to be used for that purpose.

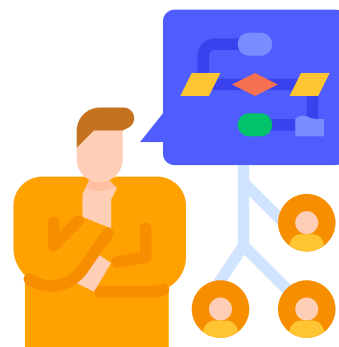


Allowing, as in, to be transformed the International law to Municipal law.



## THEORY 5 : DELEGATION THEORY

Every state will decide for itself when the provisions of a treaty or convention are to come into force and in what manner they will be embodied in state law. This power is said to be delegated by International law to State.



**UPSC 2019  
& 2017**

What are the various theories prevalent for deciding the relationship between International Law and Domestic Law? How do the National Courts in India apply the International Law?

**UPSC 2015  
& 2012**

In the ultimate analysis individuals alone are the subjects of International law." Comment. Also discuss the Transformation theory in the context of the relation between international law and Municipal law.

**UPSC  
2002**

"The relationship between International Law and Municipal Law is one of coordination and interdependence". Discuss