Summer School in Law & Economics 2016

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Organised by the Graduate School ‘The Economics of the Internationalisation of the Law’ and the European Doctorate in Law and Economics
MODELING THE LAW

After a brief introduction to the methodology of law and economics, this course provides a brief introduction to the modelling approaches for the economic analysis of law and legal institutions. The course will introduce the basic concepts and definitions that have been adopted in the law and economics literature, with examples and applications from several areas of law, ranging from contracts to torts, property and litigation.

Francesco Parisi is the Oppenheimer Wolff and Donnelly Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota, Law School and a Distinguished Professor of Economics (Professore Ordinario per Chiara Fama) at the University of Bologna, Department of Economics. From 2002 to 2006 he taught at the University of Milan (Statale), where he was appointed Distinguished Professor of Private Law (Professore Ordinario per Chiara Fama). From 1993 to 2006 he taught at George Mason University where he served as Professor of Law & Director of the Law and Economics Program and as an Associate Director of the J.M. Buchanan Center for Political Economy. Professor Parisi received his D.Jur. degree from the University of Rome "La Sapienza", an LL.M. and a J.S.D. and an M.A. degree in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley and a Ph.D in Economics from George Mason University. He is the author of ten books and over two hundred articles in the field of law and economics. His book “The Economics of Lawmaking” (coauthored with Vincy Fon) was published in 2011 by Oxford University Press and his latest book “The Language of Law and Economics” published in 2013 by Cambridge University Press. His articles have been published in journals such as the American Law and Economics Review, Journal of Legal Studies, Public Choice, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, International Review of Law and Economics, Harvard Law Review Forum, American Journal of Jurisprudence, and the American Journal of Comparative Law. Professor Parisi is the editor of the Oxford Handbook of Law and Economics (forthcoming), and since 2006 he has been the Editor-in-Chief of the Review of Law and Economics. From 2002 to 2008 he served as Editor of the Supreme Court Economic Review. He is a member of the board of editors of the International Review of Law and Economics, Public Choice, and the American Journal of Comparative Law.
The Law & Economic of International Trade Law

This course focuses on the law governing international trade. It will specifically focus on the laws established by the World Trade Organization. This will include analysis of the treaties, regulations, and case law that govern international trade. This will include discussing the basic principles governing trade law, as well as the trade laws governing intellectual property, environmental regulation, food safety, trade in services, and technical standards. The course will also specifically examine the economic rational beyond the international trade law.

Adam Chilton is an assistant professor at the University of Chicago Law School. Adam’s research interests lie at the intersection of empirical legal studies and international law. His current research projects examine the ways that political considerations affect the United States’ international trade and investment policy; whether enshrining rights within constitutions improves the protection of those rights; how antitrust law is enforced around the world; and how experimental methods can be used to study whether domestic politics influence compliance with international law. Adam received a BA and MA in Political Science from Yale University. After college, Adam worked as a management consultant for BCG. He then went to Harvard University, where he earned a JD as well as a PhD in Political Science.
The Economics of Institutions and Organizations

This course is intended to provide students with an introduction to the large and growing literature on the economics of institutions and organizations. Economists are in near-unanimous agreement that institutions such as legal regimes that provide adequate protection to property rights are essential to a society’s material success. But where do institutions come from and what promotes their effectiveness and survival in some circumstances but not in others? We will also explore the organization known as “the firm,” investigating questions involving the boundaries of the firm and the nature of contracting – a branch of literature known as the “theory of the firm.” What differentiates the firm from the market and can a line between firm and market ever be clearly drawn? We will tie things together by examining a very successful pre-modern society that employed institutions and organizations that were both similar to and different from those employed today: ancient Greece.

F. Andrew Hanssen is a professor in the John E. Walker Department of Economics at Clemson University. His areas of research include institutions, law and economics, political economy, and industrial organization. He has published articles in a number of refereed journals, including the American Economic Review; the Journal of Law and Economics; the Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; and the Journal of Legal Studies. Several of his articles have been republished in books, and he has also published a number of book chapters and monographs. He is associate editor of the International Review of Law and Economics and is on the editorial board of Social Science Quarterly. He spent the 2007-08 academic year as a visiting economist at the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and was a National Fellow at Stanford University’s Hoover Institution in 2000-01. He received a B.A. and M.A. from Johns Hopkins University, and an MBA and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Before getting a Ph.D., he was a management consultant, working in Europe, Latin America, and the Far East. He joined the Clemson faculty in 2010, after holding positions at Montana State University and Colby College.
GERMAN LAW – A COMPARATIVE INTRODUCTION

The course aims to provide students with an understanding of the German Basic Law, court procedure, legal reasoning and argumentation, as well as an understanding of the basic features of German private law. This course consists of three parts: (1.) constitutional law and criminal law, (2.) Germany as a civil law country and (3.) German contract and tort law. The lectures illustrate the origins, structure, practice and mentality of German law. Further emphasis is on the differences to other legal systems and the relationship to European Union law.

The course is accompanied by a guided tour through the library of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law and by a guided tour through Hamburg town hall (times t.b.a.).

The course will take place at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Mittelweg 187.

Hannes Rösl is a professor for civil law, international private law and comparative law at the University of Siegen, Germany. He is a former Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute in Hamburg. Rösl has published numerous articles on German and European private and public law in several languages. Prior to entering the Max Planck Institute, he was a Research Assistant at the Institute for Comparative Law in Marburg and a law clerk in Frankfurt am Main. Rösl received a doctorate in 2003 for his book on European consumer law from Marburg University, where he graduated in 1998, following one year of studies at the London School of Economics. In 2004 he received a Master from Harvard Law School. Rösl finished his post-doctoral thesis (Habilitation) on the European Court of Justice and European private law at the University of Hamburg in 2012. He has held interim professorships at the Universities of Freiburg, Bonn and Frankfurt an der Oder. He also held visiting positions abroad, i.a., at Oxford University, New York University, University of Cambridge, as well as universities in France, Italy, Turkey, Brazil, China and Japan.
The Economics of Terrorism and Counter-terrorism

The recent terrorist attacks in Europe and the following public responses have shown that a thorough understanding of the root causes of terrorism is vital to find appropriate counter-measures against this threat. In this course, we approach terrorism and counter-terrorism from an economics perspective. Specifically, we discuss the advantages and limitations of rational-choice theory as a means to explain terrorism and derive recommendations regarding counter-terrorism measures. While rational-choice theory is both a meaningful and practical method for this task, it nevertheless comes with several limitations. Therefore, we extend the analytical framework by applying behavioral and institutional models of terrorist actions and public responses as well. Furthermore, we carefully explain the steps from theory to testable hypotheses and empirical models in recent terrorism research, thereby discussing, among other things, data issues and the choice of appropriate empirical models (esp., the negative binomial regression model).

Tim Krieger is since 2012 Wilfried Guth Professor of Constitutional Political Economy and Competition Policy at Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg. He holds a master degree in empirical economics from the University of Kiel, Germany, and received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Munich, Germany. He worked an assistant or visiting professor at the Universities of Mainz, Marburg and Paderborn, Germany. He works mainly on economic, social and education policies in aging and globalizing societies with a special focus on the conflict-economic dimension of these developments. In addition, he is specialized in the economics of terrorism and crime. In these fields, he has published in several scholarly journals in both economics and political science (including Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution and Journal of Peace Research).
Public Choice and Economic Development

This course will introduce students to key concepts of Public Choice as they relate to Economic Development. This includes analysis the benefits and costs of property rights and the rule of law for economic growth and human well-being. Students will present preassigned papers in class. Each student is expected to read all papers that will be presented prior to the presentation. This will assure a robust and informed class discussion.

Thomas Stratmann is University Professor of Economics and Law at George Mason University. His primary research interests are political economy, fiscal policy, law and economics, health economics, and experimental economics. Dr. Stratmann has extensively written on these research topics and has published in journals such as the American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economics and Statistics, and the Journal of Law and Economics. Dr. Stratmann received his BA from the Free University of Berlin and his MA and PhD in economics from the University of Maryland.

ASSOCIATED EVENT

JUNE 29
GÄSTEHAUS DER UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG,
ROTHENBAUMCHAUSSEE 34

European Doctorate in Law and Economics Hamburg Conference 2016
EDLE Ph.D. candidates present their research projects. Each presentation is followed by a discussion with scholars in law and economics. Registration required.
Applications
The Summer School provides a seminar atmosphere with groups not larger than 25 participants. Therefore, the number of places for each course is limited. To apply, please send your course preferences to Stephan Michel (Stephan.michel@ile-hamburg.de) by May 17th. Participants will be informed shortly after.

Materials and Housing
Reading materials will be made accessible free of charge on the internet. We regret that the University of Hamburg cannot assist participants in finding accommodation.

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Graduate School ‘The Economics of the Internationalisation of the Law’

The Graduate School Programme ‘The Economics of the Internationalisation of the Law’ is a structured PhD programme that is sponsored by the German Science Foundation (DFG), led by the Institute of Law and Economics in Hamburg and chaired by Prof. Dr. Stefan Oetter and Prof. Dr. Stefan Voigt.

The programme combines an intense mentoring and teaching curriculum with high-level research on the economics of international law. The Graduate School is one of the first doctoral programmes in Europe to focus explicitly on an economic approach to international public and private law. This focus is made possible by a dedicated cooperation between leading experts in law, as well as in institutional and empirical economics. To this aim, the Graduate School cooperates with highly renowned institutions in these areas, such as the Max-Planck-Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, the Bucerius Law School and the faculties of both Law and Economics of the University of Hamburg. For more information, please visit www.ile-graduateschool.de
European Doctorate in Law and Economics
The European Doctorate in Law and Economics (EDLE) is offered by the four partner universities, Bologna, Rotterdam, Haifa and Hamburg, in collaboration with the Indira Ghandi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai. Upon completion of the three-year study period the doctoral degree is awarded by each partner university. Doctorate candidates gain the unique opportunity for research in a field of growing importance in at least three different countries. They are prepared for careers in academia as well as for responsible positions in governmental institutions, research organizations, international law firms and consulting groups.

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