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JUNE 05 – 09

PROF. COSETTE D. CREAMER, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

## **TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**This seminar examines seminal legal and political research on the role of international laws, contracts, institutions, and regulations in world politics. Its objective is to enhance your understanding of the ways in which international rules order international (and sometimes domestic) politics. How and to what extent does international law help resolve conflicts between countries? What is its relationship with states' foreign policies? How and to what extent has international law helped governments achieve common goals or express important values? How does international law interact with or impact domestic politics and legal systems?**

**Throughout the course, we emphasize the relationship between law and politics and seek to understand the nature of international law and transnational regulatory standards.**

**Cosette D. Creamer** is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Benjamin E. Lippincott Chair in Political Economy at the University of Minnesota and affiliated faculty at the University of Minnesota Law School. Her research teaching interests rest broadly at the intersection of international and comparative law, politics, and the empirical analysis of law. The substantive focus of her research spans trade and economic law, international arbitration and dispute resolution, and human rights. One major strand of her research examines the domestic effects of government self-reporting under various international legal agreements, including human rights treaties. She received her Ph.D. from Harvard University (2016), J.D. from Harvard Law School (2010), M.A. from the University of Chicago in International Relations (2004), and B.A. from the University of Chicago in International Studies (2002).

JUNE 12 – 16

PROF. JAMES R. HOLLYER, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

## **THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF AUTOCRATICS**

**This is a graduate-level seminar on the political economy of autocratic government. It will examine the particular threats faced by autocratic leaders, and the manner in which the struggle to maintain power influences the behavior of autocratic states. With this in mind, we will discuss the role of political institutions and social conflict in shaping autocratic decision-making. We will also examine the causes of autocratic regime collapse (including democratization). Finally, we will see how these domestic political forces influence the behavior on autocracies on the international stage, with a particular focus on discrepancies between democracies' and autocracies' participation in and compliance with international organizations and international law.**

**James R. Hollyer** is the Benjamin Evans Lippincott Assistant Professor in Political Economy in the Department of Political Science at the University of Minnesota. His areas of research include International Political Economy, Political Methodology, Transparency, Bureaucratic Development and State Capacity as well as Corruption. He has published articles in a number of journals, such as the American Political Science Review, The Journal of Politics and the Journal of Law, Economics and Organization. In 2015-16 he spent a year as a Visiting Research Fellow at Princeton University's Niehaus Center on Globalization and Governance and in 2011-12 he was a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University. He received a BA from Williams College, an MA from the University of Chicago and got his PhD in Political Science from New York University.

JUNE 19 – 20

PROF. HANNES RÖSLER, LL.M. (HARVARD), UNIVERSITY OF SIEGEN

## **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.**

**Hannes Rösler** 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. Rösler 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. Rösler 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. Rösler 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.

JUNE 26 – 30

PROF. BARBARA LUPPI, UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA

## **MODELLING CONTRACT AND TORT LAW**

The course applies the standard tools of economic analysis for the study of private law, with a special

**focus on torts and contracts. The course aims to develop a coherent framework for an economic explanation of legal rules in tort and contract law. After a brief review of the methodology of law and economics and of the basic concepts of economic analysis (Coase theorem; models of market failure; uncertainty and risk-aversion), the economic tools are applied in order to study contract and tort law, with a special focus on international law cases.**

**The readings and class analysis aim at providing insight on the relative advantages and the respective limits of legal rules in the field of contract and tort law. We will consider some characterizing features of these lawmaking techniques and examine them with the aid of the formal methods of economic analysis. The readings will shed new light on the important issue of the optimal design of legal rules, to foster efficiency and to reach socially desirable outcomes.**

**Barbara Luppi** is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy. Her primary research interest is in law and economics, with a special focus on contract and tort law. She has published articles in journals such as the Journal of Legal Studies, Public Choice and the International Review of Law and Economics. She holds an MSc and a PhD in Economics from the London School of Economics and has earned a PhD in Political Economics from University of Bologna. From 2012-14 she was a Visiting Professor of Law and Economics at the Law School of the University of St. Thomas, Minnesota.

JULY 03 – 07

PROF. CHRISTOPH ENGEL, MAX-PLANCK-INSTITUT BONN

## **EMPIRICAL METHODS FOR THE LAW / ADVANCED STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

**Empirical legal studies are one of the fastest-growing fields in legal research and in law & economics. This course will be split in two parts, wherein half of each day is spent on the first part and the other half on the second part. (1) The first part deals with typical empirical research issues in the field of legal studies and includes the discussion of research designs that deal with those issues. (2) The second part will deal with advanced statistical topics, including Dealing with Assumptions (bootstrapping), Wald tests, Panel Data and Mixed Effects Models, Structural Models, Non-Linearities, Heterogeneous Treatment Effects as**

**well as Dynamic Panels.**

**Throughout the course, simulated data and Stata will be used. Participants should bring their own laptop and make sure that Stata is running on them. If you do not have a laptop with Stata, please contact the organizers in advance.**

**Christoph Engel** is a director at the Max Planck Institute for research on collective goods in Bonn. His background is in public law. He held a chair in media and communications law at the University of Osnabrück before joining the Max Planck Society. He also holds a part-time chair in experimental law and economics at Erasmus University Rotterdam. In recent years his work has focused on behavioral and in particular experimental law and economics. He has been interested in the behavior of the law's addressees as a motive for legislative intervention, and in the behavioral effects of legal institutions. His work has been published in legal outlets such as the Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, the Journal of Law and Economics and the Journal of Legal Studies, in economics outlets such as Economics Letters or the Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, and in psychology outlets such as Perspectives on Psychological Science or the Journal of Behavioral Decision Making.

JULY 9 - 14

PROF. JEFFREY STATON, EMORY UNIVERISTY ATLANTA

## **THE POLITICAL CONSTRUCTION OF JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE**

**This course considers why judicial independence is constructed and sustained in some contexts yet ignored and undermined in others. We consider rationales for the development and destruction of independent courts in both democratic and authoritarian states, starting from the premise that independent courts are the outcome of a political process that involves a fundamental balance between autonomy and accountability. We then consider three potential sources of independence: (1) institutional design, (2) party systems, and (3) doctrinal strategies judges employ. In addition to a substantive introduction to the topic, the course highlights common empirical challenges scholars confront in light of theoretical models of judicial independence.**

**Jeffrey Staton** is Associate Professor in the Department of

Political Science at Emory University and acts as Director of its Center for the Study of Law, Politics and Economics. His research interests lie in comparative political institutions with an emphasis on judicial politics. He has published in leading journals in political science, including the Journal of Politics, International Organization and the American Journal of Political Science. Previously, he was a Post-Doctoral Fellow at New York University School of Law and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Florida State University. Jeffrey Staton received a BA from the University of Richmond, and earned an MA and his PhD in Political Science from Washington University in St. Louis. He is the Judiciary Project Manager for the Varieties of Democracy project.

**!** UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE, COURSES WILL  
TAKE PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG  
■ **SEMINAR ROOM 1083A, VON-MELLE-PARK 5**

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## **ASSOCIATED EVENT**

JUNE 21

GÄSTEHAUS DER UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG,  
ROTHENBAUMCHAUSSÉE 34

### **European Doctorate in Law and Economics Hamburg Conference 2017**

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 20 participants. Therefore, the number of places for each course is limited. To apply, please send your course preferences to Marek Endrich (graduateschool@ile-hamburg.de) by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Applicants are admitted on a rolling basis.

## 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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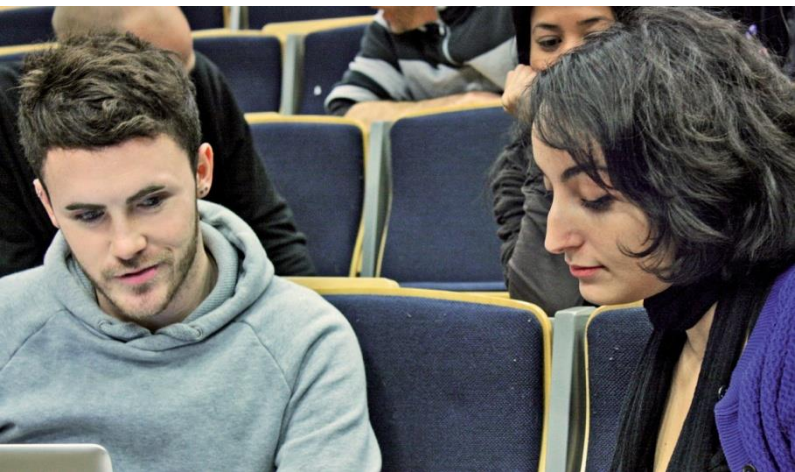
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## Graduate School 'The Economics of the Internationalisation of the Law'

The Graduate School Programme 'The Economics of the Internationalisation of the Law' is an academic initiative that is sponsored by the German Science Foundation (DFG), led by the Institute of Law and Economics in Hamburg and chaired by Prof. Dr. Thomas Eger 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](http://www.ile-graduateschool.de)



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