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JUNE 01 – 05

PROF. MILA VERSTEEG, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

In this seminar, we will explore the considerations and challenges in designing a constitution. The first part of this seminar draws on leading legal, economic and political theories to explore the origins of constitutions: why do countries adopt written constitutions? And what explains their constitutional choices? The second part of the seminar explores different substantive constitutional design topics, or the different ways in which constitutions deal with rights, checks and balances, and the protection of ethnic minorities. The last part of the seminar addresses potential implications of constitutional design choices. We draw on interdisciplinary research to explore an important puzzle in constitutional design: why do governments comply with their constitutional commitments? And to what extent can constitutional design aid compliance?

For the purpose of the class discussions, every student will be asked to pick one country and become an expert on this country's constitution. Throughout our discussions, students will have to apply various constitutional design theories to their country of expertise, and bring insights from this country into the discussion.

Mila Versteeg joined the Law School in 2011. Her research and teaching interest include comparative constitutional law, public international law and empirical legal studies. Most of her research deals with the origins, evolution and effectiveness of provisions in the world's constitutions. Her publications have, amongst others, appeared in the *California Law Review*, the *NYU Law Review*, the *University of Chicago Law Review*, the *Journal of Legal Studies*, and the *Journal of Law, Economics and Organizations*. Versteeg earned her B.A. in public administration and first law degree from Tilburg University in the Netherlands in 2006. She earned her LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 2007 and a D.Phil. in socio-legal studies in 2011 from Oxford University, where she was a Gregory Kulkes Scholar at Balliol College and recipient of an Arts and the Humanities Research Council Award. Prior to joining the Law School, Versteeg was an Olin Fellow and lecturer in law at the University of Chicago Law School. Versteeg previously worked at the U.N. Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute in Turin and at the Southern Africa Litigation Centre in Johannesburg. While at UVA, Versteeg has been a visiting associate professor at the University of Chicago Law School (fall 2013). In the spring of 2015, she will be a visiting professor at Columbia Law School.

JUNE 08 – 12

PROF. THOMAS PLÜMPER, UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX

ROBUSTNESS

Robustness tests study the influence of specific assumptions of a model specification on estimation results by replacing plausible but potentially wrong assumptions by alternative plausible assumptions. A comparison of the baseline model – the most plausible model specification that researchers can come up with – and robustness test models reveals the degree to which results vary as a result of plausible changes in the model specification. In other words, robustness tests analyze whether inferences are driven by model specifications or by data.

The course discusses

- the nature and origins of model misspecification and model uncertainty,**
- the recent practice and concept of robustness testing, and**
- the various dimensions of robustness testing and specific tests.**

Participants have the opportunity to discuss their own projects and develop robustness tests.

The course uses a combination of classroom discussions and lab sessions.

Thomas Plümper is Professor of Government at the University of Essex, Director of the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, and Executive Director of the European Political Science Association. He has published on social science methodology, comparative and international political economy, and neighbouring research areas. He currently works on a book project on Robustness Testing, and smaller projects on The Politics of Longevity Inequality, Counterterrorist Policies, and Spatial Dependence, among other things.

JUNE 15, 2.00 PM (s.t., i.e. sharp) to 6.00 PM • JUNE 16,
9.00 AM (s.t.) to 3.00 PM

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.

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 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 22-26

PROF. THOMAS STRATMANN, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

REPLICATION

This course will introduce students to empirical Law and Economics. We will discuss empirical Law and Economics papers, assess their strength and weaknesses, and replicate their results. While there will be a few statistical derivations, this course is applied, and gets students familiar with empirical methods that allow causal inferences. For this, we will discuss papers that use methods such as panel data, differences in differences, instrumental variables, propensity scores, and regression discontinuity analysis. We will discuss how to implement these techniques and discuss their appropriate use.

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.

JUNE 29 – JULY 03

PROF. PETER ROSENDORFF, NEW YORK UNIVERISTY

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATIONS: TRADE, INVESTMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

This course is a graduate colloquium focusing on a single theme: what are the patterns of accession to international treaties. Who signs and why? This question is considered across the issue-areas of International Trade, Investment, and Human Rights. In each case we will develop a theory linking domestic politics to a willingness to accede to the international institutions; and then consider how variations in domestic political institutions can help explain patterns of accession to and compliance with (or the lack thereof) international organizational

arrangements. The interaction of domestic political institutions, the preferences of the leaders, and international power and enforcement are studied as the key determinants of international trade, investment and human rights regimes. We will also explore how design of international agreements matters for patterns of accession, and the possibility that designs that are the outcome of negotiations sometimes yield unanticipated, perverse outcomes. We will also explore the design of international courts, tribunals and dispute settlement mechanisms in the context of domestic politics and international cooperation, and investigate "issue-linkage" as a device to facilitate greater international cooperation.

Peter Rosendorff is Professor of Politics at New York University and editor of the interdisciplinary journal, Economics and Politics. He is an editorial board member of International Organization, International Interactions and Journal of Politics and has held grants from the National Science Foundation, and the Japan Foundation, among others. Research interests include human rights, the World Trade Organization, political economy of terrorism, bilateral trade and investment treaties. He holds a PhD from Columbia University and previously held positions at the University of Southern California and Georgetown University. He is the author of numerous journal articles some of which have appeared in American Politics Science Review, American Economics Review, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, and International Organization, among others.

JULY 6 - 10

DR. ALAN D. MILLER, UNIVERISTY OF HAIFA

LAW AND SOCIAL CHOICE

This course presents a basic introduction to social choice theory and its applications in the study of legal institutions. The course begins with the Arrowian model and covers several results in preference and judgment aggregation. The course then surveys the literature applying these results to several areas of law, including administrative law, jurisprudence, tort, contract, and criminal law.

Alan D. Miller is a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law and in the Department of Economics at the University of Haifa. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from the California Institute of Technology and a J.D. from Northwestern University. Dr. Miller's research focuses axiomatic social choice and its' application to law. Dr. Miller has published in economics

journals including the Journal of Economic Theory, Games and Economic Behavior, the Journal of Public Economics, and the American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, and in law journals including the New York University Law Review and the Iowa Law Review.

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TAKE PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG
■ SEMINAR ROOM 1083A, VON-MELLE-PARK 5

ASSOCIATED EVENT

JUNE 17 – 18

GÄSTEHAUS DER UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG,
ROTHENBAUMCHAUSSEE 34

European Doctorate in Law and Economics Hamburg Conference 2015

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 Janina Satzer (janina.satzer@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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DFG Deutsche
Forschungsgemeinschaft

DAAD Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst
German Academic Exchange Service

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



European Doctorate in Law and Economics

The European Doctorate in Law and Economics (EDLE) is offered by the three partner universities, Bologna, Rotterdam and Hamburg, in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi 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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