University of Tübingen - Faculty of Law

Courses taught in English, Winter Semester 2018/19

**Course title**: Introduction to Legal Philosophy (WS G und SPW 3a, 3b, 3c)

**Link**: http://campus.uni-tuebingen.de/20182e172146

**Course type**: Lecture

**Contact hours**: 2

**Course coordinator**: Prof. Dr. iur. Wolfgang Forster

**Target audience**
ab 2. Semester Grundlagenveranstaltung ab 5. Semester Schwerpunktbereichsveranstaltung

**Course description**
Legal Philosophy deals with terms like justice and equality. Also, it analyses the concept of law as well as the criteria for the validity of legal norms, for their binding nature and for the correctness of law. The course gives an overview over positions, terminology and models of historic and contemporary theories on Legal Philosophy. It focuses on the classical theories of Natural Law and Legal Positivism, in regard to the latter with an emphasis on the Anglo-American discussion. Texts will be provided in English as far as possible.

**Course title**: The Bill of Rights

**Link**: http://campus.uni-tuebingen.de/20182e172148

**Course type**: Lecture

**Contact hours**: 

**Course coordinator**: M.A. Lucas Ogden

**Target audience**
ab 3. Semester

**Course description**
In this course, we will analyze the basic rights that are legally guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the United States. These include, for example, freedom of speech and press, rights to own weapons, privacy rights, and protections for people accused of crimes. We will discuss each article in depth, including legal debates over how these rights should be applied today. Controversial issues that will be addressed include government surveillance of the internet, school shootings, drug and weapon problems, drone killings, and an evaluation of President Trump’s actions with regard to the Bill of Rights.

**Additional information**
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Course Title: The Constitution and the Government of the United States
Link: http://campus.uni-tuebingen.de/20182e172157
Course type: Lecture
Contact hours:
Course coordinator: M.A. Lucas Ogden
Target audience
ab 3. Semester
Course description
This lecture will provide an overview of the highest law of the United States. The Constitution outlines the powers of the different branches of government and the rights that citizens have. First, we will discuss the foundations of the Constitution and its framework for government, then we will address the legal powers of the different government authorities, and finally we will look at possibilities for reforming the American government. We will also consider effectively how the system of checks and balances has worked so far during the presidency of Donald Trump.
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