

Seminar Legal Theory

This seminar deals with central questions of legal theory and gives thus an overview about its main topics. Among them are the existence and emergence of law, its systematicity and ordering. Of central importance will be the question whether and, if so, in which way law is connected to morality for which a variety of positivist and non-positivist theories have been developed. Moreover, it will be discussed whether there is a moral duty to obey the law. By discussing these topics and questions the seminar will deal with prominent thinkers such as H.L.A. Hart, Ronald Dworkin and Robert Alexy and introduce their theories. Participants are supposed to prepare each session by reading the text which will be discussed in class and distributed in advance.

Literature:	reader, distributed in class
Time:	Thursdays, 12.15 am – 2 pm (04.04. - 16.05.) Thursday, 20.6., – Friday, 21.6., 8 am – 5 pm
Place:	GW1 A1070
Certificates:	§ 31 II Nr. 1–4 PO (ECTS: 9/12)
Registration:	Studip (maximum 20 people)