



LL.M. Legal Theory 2023-24 Provisional Master's Programme Design and Study Plan

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I. PROFILE

The LL.M. Master's Programme in Legal Theory at the Goethe University Frankfurt/Main (GU) is part of the Frankfurt landscape of academic research in normative issues. These issues arise in almost any field of society, and they are tied to empirical and analytical matters. Whereas empirical matters usually concern legal sociology or anthropology, analytical matters are essential for legal theory (and doctrine). To come to terms with normative issues, however, seems to need more than a purely empirical or analytical approach. In some legal traditions, these approaches are called into question either by theoretical points of departure (as in classic utilitarianism or modern accounts of the law and economics) or by a certain concept of balancing powers that leaves normative decisions either to the courts (as in the French concept of jurisprudence) or to a legislature not bound by reflections of legal doctrine or theory. Thus, the programme explicitly sheds light on what normativity is.

In this understanding, legal theory illuminates all legal essentials, i.e., principles, rules, procedures, argumentation, logic, etc. To be familiar with these essentials is of vital importance to finding productive answers to the many legal challenges of a globalising world in and after the time of the coronavirus pandemic. This competence is central even in legal systems that pay no explicit attention to doctrine or theory. The comprehensive education provided by the master's programme offers a truly European perspective. Europe's legal systems and academic pluralism provide a wide variety of legal and academic cultures. Although Britain has left the EU, the programme continues to focus attention on the Anglo-American tradition in legal thought. This is most visible to observers from overseas. Thus, the specific challenge of this endeavour is to come to terms with a very complex political union. It was the purpose of GU's Law Faculty and the partner universities under the roof of the European Academy of Legal Theory (EALT) to set up a programme governed by the principle of unity in plurality (or, according to the EU's motto, *in varietate concordia*), thereby safeguarding the accommodation of diversity in a globalised world.

This programme follows the Humboldtian ideal of an education that encompasses both professional training ("Ausbildung") and broad-based learning ("Bildung"). Sound education has always been of a personal nature. It not only concerns itself with the topics being taught but attempts to provide a productive, culturally sensitive atmosphere for individuals to learn in. This is provided by a sizeable and international teaching body. Students will become familiar with leading scholars of jurisprudence and doctrine from Germany, other European countries, and overseas. Although von Humboldt's ideal has been challenged by digitalization (substantially accelerated by the coronavirus pandemic), he likely would have appreciated the fact that it provides the opportunity to reach a larger community. His ideal was academic aspiration in solitude and freedom and also in community, being aware of the political implications. This is shown by his treatise "The Limits of State Action", which inspired John Stuart Mill's "On Liberty". It may well be that his rejection of the idea of a state-centred duty to provide education is obsolete and not in concordance with the democratic welfare state enabling any young citizen to study, but his lasting heritage is the notion of Bildung as a mode of autonomy. It has yet to be determined to what extent this notion can be preserved in the digital age. In some way, online teaching fits Humboldt's idea of a student being autonomous of strategic interests and being an active partner in the educational enterprise as long as he or she chooses to do so. Empirical studies show that the educational impact of an intelligent model of blended teaching is remarkably positive. Thus, this kind of education is different from what one expects from a class, and it fits the ideal of Humboldt's enterprise.

1. General Legal Theory and Applied Legal Theory

The curriculum combines pure and applied legal theory. Students may pursue two types of careers:

- (1) For a professional career, they return home, or they look for new frontiers in Frankfurt or elsewhere in Europe, with opportunities mainly in banking and finance or with international law firms. Driven by globalisation, these firms pay increasing attention to candidates with an LL.M. degree who are expert in speaking English and in handling intercultural matters.
- (2) To pursue an academic career, they may continue for a Ph.D. (see below). Participating in the programme means to be associated with an international legal-theory research school providing a worldwide network of scholars and academic institutions. The LL.M. offers the opportunity to attend the many lectures and conferences on related topics, especially in many faculties on campus.

Both types of careers are not exclusive. In most academic environments, a professor is a practitioner, too. This is different for the German-speaking countries, where there are full professorships in the sense of a chair ("Lehrstuhl") endowed with a designated amount of personal and financial resources.

Some countries provide exclusive professorships in legal theory. This is different in Germany, where legal-theory professors are often mainly expert in a doctrinal field of law, thus being concerned with practical matters. This reflects the fact that law students do not study at a law school or a faculty of law but at the faculty of the science of law – "Rechtswissenschaft", as it reads at the entrance to the Frankfurt law building. This rather scholarly training is particularly associated with the doctrinal explication of positive law, which in Germany is referred to as dogmatics ("Dogmatik"). The latter goes back to the "learned" jurisprudence during the Enlightenment and to the Natural Law scholars who provided the systematization of the "learned law". Finally, most influential for German "legal science" was Friedrich Carl von Savigny and his alignment with the educational model of Wilhelm von Humboldt.

The programme targets not only students with a legal education but also humanities students who are concerned with issues of normativity. This is often the case among students of philosophy and sociology but might also apply to disciplines like (legal) anthropology or cultural studies. Applicants from these disciplines or faculties should be able to explain why they are interested in the programme, and their letters of recommendation also should hint at their specific interest.

2. Doctoral perspective (Ph.D. track)

Since the beginning of the Frankfurt-based LL.M. master's programme, students have continued to stay in Frankfurt or at partner universities for a Ph.D. (most of them in Frankfurt). Thus, there is a practice of many years based on an individual agreement with a member of the teaching body of the LL.M. (though without a formal claim). The master's thesis is in some way the entrance ticket and in most cases the substantial point of departure for a doctoral supervision. At Frankfurt, supervisors are mostly part of the Law Faculty, though some are associated with the Max Planck Institute. Students also may participate in the doctoral programme of Glasgow and Tilburg universities ("Globalisation and Legal Theory"), which takes account of the 60 ECTS of the Frankfurt LL.M. degree. Alternatively, they may seek supervision from within the list of the third-term network-embracing scholarly centres in Germany and elsewhere in Europe (see below).

Thus, Frankfurt offers an impressive research-school environment to study normative theory with scholars in the fields of law, philosophy, and sociology.

II. DESIGN

The programme provides a complete education in legal theory. The curriculum rests on an inner rationale resulting from the EALT's more than 25 years of experience in offering a legal-theory master's course mainly in Brussels (1992-2009) and Frankfurt/Main, the LL.M.'s home base since 2014. The basic structure is threefold:

- (1) The obligatory modules A, B, and C take place in the main part of the winter term at GU. Module A is the most essential and demanding module of the programme.
- (2) There are elective modules in the second part of the winter term (E1-3) and mainly in the spring term (E4-7). Three out of seven are obligatory, whether at GU or abroad. This may take place either at GU or at partner universities abroad. From April on, these modules might be taught in the manner of blended teaching, combining online and face-to-face teaching.
- (3) Module D ("summer term" in the curriculum's terminology, mid-June to mid-September) consists of three months writing the master's thesis supervised by a member of the LL.M.'s teaching body at places that are part of the Third Term Network in Germany, elsewhere in Europe and overseas. The students will get a list of the potential supervisors at the start (see, especially, the list of members of the Third Term Network in this plan under module D). Students have no legal claim to get one of the listed professors as supervisor. At any rate, if the supervision happens somewhere apart from Frankfurt, a member of the Frankfurt law faculty will act as a second supervisor.

There are various modes of examination (exams in class, oral exam, essay).

As the curriculum is destined to make the students familiar with the richness of Europe's traditions in legal theory, students are recommended to take part in classes that go beyond the ECTS requirements. In the study plan, the obligatory classes – including the basic E modules – are highlighted in grey.

For the record, however, there is no disadvantage for students who study on a "minimalistic" track. Successfully participating in three E-modules is sufficient for obtaining the degree. Correspondingly, the tuition is paid for the possibility of receiving the required ECTS for getting the degree.

There are attractive side options within the research landscape of normative matters. These options may take place at Frankfurt or throughout Europe either in online classes or in face-to-face schools. The participation in such schools will be noted in the diploma (supplement), in case of an examination with an appropriate amount of ECTS.

1. Strictly recommended introductory classes

In the winter term, the introductory classes have a special importance with respect to the practiced model of blended learning. Moreover, the preparatory week ("Warm Up") aims to safeguard the homogeneity of the class. Students lacking advanced skills in legal theory are obliged to participate in this week, which familiarizes them with the essentials of the module A. After this week, students have sufficient time to digest and prepare for the fundamental module A. - The October week at the University of Brno gives an introduction into legal writing in both the Continental civil tradition and the Anglo-American tradition. These two formative traditions of modern law will be relied on subsequently. This week is specifically important for those students who do not have a law-school education and lack advanced skills in legal style and writing. With respect to online teaching in the winter term (concerning the modules A-C), the introductory classes will be more or less obligatory to safeguard the programme's Humboldtian approach.

2. Winter and summer schools abroad

Winter and summer schools provide a good occasion to deepen the standard programme and safeguard its endeavour to encompass all vital issues in the realm of legal theory. Students get the opportunity to acquaint themselves with centres of excellence throughout Europe and, since these schools are designed for a broader audience, to make friends with students beyond the regular LL.M. Legal Theory class. These schools also foster the communicative and intercultural skills that the programme seeks to encourage and that are key qualifications for practicing law in international legal bodies (such as administrations or law firms). Finally, students come into contact with additional European legal-theory scholars, thereby expanding their personal knowledge of leading legal scholars. Of course, the ability to attend these schools is dependent on the coronavirus situation.

3. Short conferences and workshops abroad

The chronological structure of the programme enables students to participate in these elective events. In case a tuition is required for such occasions, LLM students' way will be payed for them. Such workshops and conferences regularly take place in Belgrade, Lucerne, and Glasgow.

4. Events on the Frankfurt Westend campus

Besides various events at the law faculty of GU that are intended to broaden students' legal education, there is also a renowned philosophy department with a focus on practical philosophy and some separate institutions concerned with normative issues, such as the Network of Advanced Studies on the "The Formation of Normative Orders" or the magnificent Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory. In addition, there is a close cooperation with other Max Planck institutes (e.g., in Heidelberg, Freiburg, or Halle). Although coronavirus-related restrictions may return during the academic year of 2022-23 and limit these enriching events on a very personal level, the perspective of the LL.M. is to provide a productive kind of blended teaching for preserving and enhancing the Humboldtian spirit.

III. BLENDED LEARNING

The coronavirus pandemic has been accelerating the transformation of academic teaching towards modes of blended learning. Thus far, a flexible rotating model appears to be an effective approach to education at the LL.M. Of course, adapting legal education to digitalization while safeguarding the Humboldtian educational ideal at least in the realm of the humanities and specifically legal theory is a work in progress.

The goal behind the concept of the Frankfurt master's programme is to achieve the best possible results by fusing traditional and innovative education. Students should profit from the outstanding Frankfurt landscape of academic research in normative issues and the EALT network of European legal-theory education and scholarship.

IV. PERSONS

The teaching body consists of scholars from Frankfurt and from European partner universities / institutes of the LL.M. In order to facilitate a comprehensive education in legal theory, the programme also offers teachers from overseas, mainly from the Americas.

I. FRANKFURT

The Frankfurt teaching body consists of members of the Law Faculty & of legal practitioners:

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The additional part of the Frankfurt teaching and supervision body consists of			

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Prof. Dr. Günter Frankenberg	Dr. Ralf Seinecke
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Tutors

Dr. Ricardo Campos Andrés Santacoloma

For the additional teaching body from Germany, other European countries, and overseas, see the persons listed below.

Germany a)

Prof. Dr. Kai Ambos (Göttingen)	Prof. Dr. Marie-Claire Foblets (Max Planck
Prof. Dr. Matthias Goldmann (Wiesbaden)	Institute Halle)

Other European Countries b)

Prof. Dr. Antoine Bailleux	(Brussels)
Prof. Dr. Bartosz Brozek	(Cracow)
Prof. Dr. Petra Bárd (CEU B	3udapest/Vienna)
Prof. Dr. Miodrag Jovanovic	c (Belgrade)
Prof. Dr. Maris Köpcke (B	arcelona/Oxford)
Prof. Dr. Mark van Hoecke	(Ghent/London)
Prof. Dr. George Pavlakos	(Glasgow)
Prof. Dr. Antonino Rotolo	(Bologna)
Prof. Dr. Giovanni Sartor	(EUI Florence)
Prof. Dr. Bojan Spaic	(Belgrade)

Carlos Gálvez

C) **Overseas**

(Vitória, Brazil)
ard Law School)
o (Sao Paulo)
(Sao Paulo)
(St. Louis/Kiel)
Univ. ofVirginia)

II. EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF LEGAL THEORY (EALT)

(Glasgow)

Partner universities / institutions within the EALT network offer elective modules. They also send teachers to give classes at GU Frankfurt. The EALT serves to examine and support the activities of the LL.M. Programme.

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time of year	module ECTS	events / schools - regular classes topic / teacher / city (if not Frankfurt)			
Oct 18 - 27	CP- relevant	Legal Theory Autumn School Preparative School ("Warm Up")		Frankfurt	
		demanding mobiligatory for a	For preparing the module A (being the basic and most demanding module), these introductory classes are obligatory for any student being not sufficiently prepared to attend the advanced legal theory classes.		
		jurisprudence, methodology i introducing par	They provide a heuristic training in the history of jurisprudence, the theories of law (with considerations on methodology in legal theory and comparison, thus also introducing partly into modules B and C) and in moral and political aspects of legal theory.		
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				the central classes of A:	
		Introduction of	tbc, depending on c new students	ovia)	
Oct 18-23 face-to- face		A1: History of	Jurisprudence		
		1.	Antiquity	Oct. 18, face-to-face, 14:15-16:45	Lorenz Schulz
		2.	Medieval Times	Oct. 19, face-to-face, 14:15-16:45	Christoph Haar
		3.	Early Modernity	/ Enlightenment (Hobbes) Oct. 20, 14:15-16:45	Lorenz Schulz
		4.	Kant	Oct. 23, face-to-face, 14:15-16:45	n.n.
Oct 24-28 face-to- face		A2: Theories of	of Law	Oct. 25, Tace-to-Tace, 14.15-10.45	
or online		1.	tradition – princi (Hart, Dworkin)	The Anglo-American ples and methods 4 and 25, in person/online, 14:15-16:45	Stefano Bertea (tbc) (Leicester) Carlos Gálvez (Bogotá/Frankfurt)
		2.	Legal Theory / T	he Continental Tradition	, , ,
Oct 27-28			a. Kelsen &	& Vienna / Brno School Oct. 27-28, in persor	
			b. Systems	s Theory Oct. 26, in person/online, 14:15-16:45	(Vienna) Mansoor Koshan (Hamburg)
Oct 18 - 22		International B	ook Fair Frankfu	rt www.buchmesse.de/en	
		of the worldwide b	ok Fair is the world la bookmakers and boo our will be Slowenia		

date tba	CP- relevant	Global Legal Skills - Brno Autumn School Legal Writing and Legal Argumentation	Brno
		The preparatory school in "Global Legal Skills: Legal Writing" will be convened in person or online (tba in June). It provides students with basic skills of scientific work. Beyond this provision, students will get familiar with essentials of the Continental and the Anglo-American approach to law preparing for the spectrum of methods that is subject of module C.	convened by David Sehnalek
		(at present featuring the 2021 programme) Course Objectives	
		Students will get information and training on:	
		 Basic research skills (how to find the necessary information in books, journals, case law); Citation skills (correct citations, avoiding plagiarism) The ability to brief a case, find valuable information, use it as an argument; The rules and structure of legal documents and seminars and final papers. 	
		Syllabus	
		Several lectures taught by experts from Austria, Slovenia, and the USA	with scholars from
		For illustration see online programme 2022 Oct. 17, 17:00-18:30 Introduction Academic Legal Writing:	Lurene Contento
		Documentation & Citation	Kimberly Holst
		Juergen Busch / Florian Heindler	Austria
		Oct. 24, 18:00 – 19:30 Legal Reasoning & Argumentation, <i>Kimberly Holst</i>	Austria
		Oct. 25, 18:00 – 19:30 Legal Writing Style,	Jürgen Busch
		Kimberly Holst	Florian Heindler
		Nov. 2, 18:00 – 19:30 Problem Solving Lurene Contento	Slovenia
		Independent / home learning /recorded lecture (1,5 hr)	David Sehnalek
		Legal Reasoning (in Constitutional	Dana comaion
		and European Courts' Case Law) – David Sehnalek	
		David Serinalek	

17:00	optional: guided tour of the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory	
Nov 23, 18:00	Welcome Meeting LLM Legal Theory 2022-23 Nov 23, face-to-face, 18:00 hr Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory (mpilhlt),	
	Vortragssaal, Hansaallee 41 Opening - Welcome	
	Director of Max Planck Institute	Marietta Auer
	Dean of the Law Faculty	Thomas Vesting
	LLM Legal Theory Academic Head	Lorenz Schulz
	European Academy of Legal Theory President	Mark van Hoecke
	Welcoming alumni (2014-2022)	
	Presentation of Themis Award for the best Master thesis class 2021-22 und 22-23 presented by Presentation of LL.M. degrees	<i>Nicoletta Ladavac</i> (Geneva)
	class 2022-23	
		George Pavlakos
	Reception - Get Together (blend of snacks and drinks)	(Glasgow)
	Max Planck Institut (mpilhlt), Lobby/Vortragssaal, Hansaallee 41	

Nov 02 – 18 dates tba/tbc	A 9 CP	Jurisprudence The unique feature in module A is an introduction to jurisprudence combining the history of legal philosophy and the systematic approach to basic traditions in legal theory. At first, this entails a historic-systematical introduction into legal philosophy (A 1-2) Module A is first concerned with the exposition of the early media of law and philosophy in ancient Greece, i.e., Greek language & scripture, as preconditions of the formation of philosophy and the philosophical reflection on law.	
Nov 02-11	A 1	History of Jurisprudence	
Nov 02		Cultural frame: the early media of law: language and scripture	Thomas Vesting
Nov 03		Nov 02 (cf. A 2 / E 1) Tutorial Nov 03	Fabian Steinhauer
Nov 06		Ancient world	Klaus Günther
Nov 07		Middle Ages Nov 07	
Nov 08		Early modernity and the rise of modern law	
Nov 09 Nov 10		Kant Nov 09 19 th / 20 th cent.: the struggle for legal autonomy	Marcus Willaschek (tba/tbc) Milos Vec
Nov 13-18	A 2	Theories of Law	
		The spectrum of modern legal theories - a systematic introduction:-legal positivismKelsen, Hart, Raz-Dworkin-discourse theoryHabermas, Günther-theories of argumentationAlexy, Neumann-systems theoryLuhmann, Teubner, Vesting-legal critiqueCLS etc. (see module E2)	
Nov 13		Positivism: Bentham and Austin and the origins of modern positivism Nov 13, online	1
Nov 14		Positivism: Kelsen, Hart Nov 14	Ronaldo Porto Macedo (USP/FGV São Paulo)
Nov 15		Dworkin's Critique of Legal Positivism Nov 15	Ronaldo Macedo
Nov 16		Discourse Theory Nov 16	Klaus Günther
		Tutorial date tba	Carlos Galvez
Nov 17		Systems theory, cultural studies in law, media theory of law Nov 17	Thomas Vesting
		Tutorial (see above preparatory school) date tba	<i>Mansoor Koshan</i> (Hamburg)

	Α3	Moral & Political Philosophy of Law Module A3 reflects the idea that legal philosophy rests on moral and political implications. At the same time, A3 serves for resuming A1 and A2.	
		Tutorial date tba	Andrés Santacoloma
Nov 18		John Rawls Nov 18, online	Michele Mangini (University of Bari)
		Special issues	
		In this perspective, module A3 treats elementary issues from different substantive perspectives (human rights perspective, systems theoretical approaches and others) and different perspectives of actors including practical cases and experience.	
		There may be lectures on specific issues throughout the academic year.	
		Special Lectures	
		(topic tba) date tba	Robert Alexy (Kiel)
		Agency, morality and law date tba	Joshua Jowitt (Newcastle)

Nov 20 – 29	B 9 CP	Theory of Comparative and Global Law	
	501	Module B presents the modern framework of legal philosophy, i.e. the theoretical foundations of legal comparison in a globalized world and the EU legal integration as the theoretically most advanced conception of plurality in unity ("in varietate concordia").	
Nov 9 online Nov 20-24	B1	(Theory of) Comparative Law	Mark van Hoecke (Ghent/London)
face-to-face		Basic course structure: What is Comparative Law? What makes a 'Legal System'? Methodology of Legal Doctrine Methodology of Comparative Law Nov 9, 10-12 online preparatory class	
		otherwise classes face-to-face Nov 20-24	
date tba	B2	Theory of Global Law	George Pavlakos
		One of the key effects of globalization is that it affects the legal entitlements of persons in a manner that escapes. regulation by both national and international legal orders. The class prepares the way for developing legal answers to those challenges by seeking to understand global events as questions of justice. To this end, it will examine and evaluate standard theories of justice in the domestic and international level, while illustrating the connection between law's authority and justice The course objectives are: rigorous analysis of case studies; ability to formulate cogent theoretical argument; application of theory to concrete case studies. Developing interdisciplinary reasoning.	(Glasgow)
	50	date tba	
Nov 27-29	B 3	Theory of European Legal Integration	Petra Bard (CEU Vienna /
		The EU integration is the practical laboratory in many respects. Module B3 is a litmus test for legal comparison and global law.	Radboud, Nijmegen)
		Legal Foundations of European Integration	
		The class introduces basics of European Legal Integration.	
		EU Human Rights and Criminal Justice Values the EU; Member States share & enforcement	
		The point of departure is Article 2 of the EU Treaty incorporating values, such as the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights, which the EU and its members are supposed to share:	
		Topics of the discussion are the militant democracy tools the EU possesses to fight rule of law backsliding, or mass human rights violations in its member countries:	
		In relation to fundamental rights, the EU's bill of rights, the so-called Charter of Fundamental Rights will be addressed: Most recently, the EU turns to subjective, more or less human rights as point of departure for EU legislation and jurisdiction. Seen from overseas it is rather challenging to come to terms with the distinction of the EU and the Council of Europe also embracing countries like Turkey and until recently Russia, being mirrored by the jurisprudence of the EU court in Luxemburg and the human rights court in Strasbourg.	
		The interrelation of these two courts, as well as the national constitutional courts (like the German Constitutional and Supreme Courts is a further topic of this class. The above considerations will be illustrated by the EU cooperation in criminal justice: Rule of law backsliding, with a special regard to judicial independence, and human rights issues are most vivid. Tensions will be exemplified by mutual recognition-based legal instruments, such as the EU Arrest Warrant and the new European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)	
		Tutorial (see module C1) date tba	

C 5 CP	Legal Methods - a Comprehensive S	Spectrum	
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C1	Legal Methods		
	The Spectrum of Methods – Introduction	n	Lorenz Schulz
	Methods in Anglo-American Legal Thou Dec 4, in person/or	ight nline, 10:00-13:00	<i>Miodrag Jovanovic</i> <i>Bojan Spaic</i> (^{Belgrade})
	Tutorial on ambiguity in EU Law with court authorities	n respect to the date tba	Sofiya Kartalova (MPI for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Freiburg)
C2	Logic and Legal Argumentation "Inferencing in Law and AI"		
	Introduction: logic in law	Dec 11, online	Samuel Brasil (Vitória, Brazil)
	non-monotonic / default reasoning in law	Dec 12, online	Giovanni Sartor (Bologna/EUI Florence)
	AI and law	Dec 13, online	<i>Migle Laukyte</i> (Pompeu Fabre Barcelona)
	tutorial on classes A-C (review, feedback) preparing exam module A	Dec 14	A. Santacoloma Lorenz Schulz
C3	Methodology in Legal Research	Dec 15	A. Santacoloma Lorenz Schulz
	 thesis (to be written in the summer term) (stude write a first small exposé until mid-Jan). C3 serves as first laboratory elaborating of the Student counseling and course guidance concerning modules E and extra curricures earch options Reviewing the students' papers present tentative topic and design of the Master Other issues 	nts will e ulum study/ ting the thesis	
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elective modules E 1-7

According to the idea of a comprehensive legal theory curriculum comprising norms and facts the modules E1, E2 and E3 are an elementary part of the winter term. As before, there may be additional classes discussing vital issues or practical matters. Non-obligatory events may deepen these modules. The E modules are a central link between Goethe University and the partners of the European LLM consortium.

E1 Law, History, and Culture

Frankfurt is Germany's center of research in legal history due to a strong legal history institute in the faculty of law and the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory. Out of the three departments of the Institute for E1 the second ("Historical Regimes of Normativity", headed by Thomas Duve) is pertinent for E1.

The first module on cultural studies consists of the perspective of legal history embracing legal anthropology. In specific respect, it approaches the role of religion for law.

The legal history class is taught by *Thomas Duve* or a scholar from the institute.

Legal anthropology is introduced by *Marie Claire Foblets*, the director of the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology located in the city of Halle (or a scholar from the institute).

The class law and religion will focus on the thesis by Harold Berman on law, revolution, and religion taught by one Germany's foremost experts in Berman. *Gerhard Dilcher* is one of the renowned Frankfurt scholars in legal history

E2 Law, Society & Culture

This module provides the introduction to legal sociology, stressing the empirical elements of law. The basic introduction into legal sociology is given *Hubert Rottleuthner* (Berlin/Frankfurt). Rottleuthner has given classes in legal sociology at the Freie Universität Berlin for many decades.

Different from Rottleuthner's standard empirical approach in legal sociology systems theory has provided an alternative approach, represented in Frankfurt by *Gunther Teubner* and *Thomas Vesting*, students will get to know this approach.

Approaches of *Legal Critique* (including the approach by the Critical Theory connected with Horkheimer and Adorno) will be considered in E2.

There is also a class on law and gender, regularly taught by *Juliane Ottmann* (FU Berlin) being an alumna of the Brussels LLM Legal Theory. She has taught this class for many years. There will be non-obligatory events in law and gender by the Cornelia Goethe Initiative of GU, Frankfurt's interdisciplinary center for studies in law and gender.

The sub module targets also at an overview on law and literature. One of the European centers of research in law and literature (law as literature / law in literature) is located at the university of Lucerne, a partner university of the Frankfurt LLM as well as the university of Brno.

E3 Law, Science, and Technology	
This module (deepening module C) pays tribute to the new medium of the law, i.e., the digital form of communication (see A1) by applying it to the medium of (digitalized) law and the expansion of artificial intelligence. The media of law are most central for legal cultures (and legal systems). If the form of the medium embeds itself in any message it would transmit or convey as Marshall McLuhan claimed (coining the phrase "The medium is the message") is debatable.	
Bi-annually, this module takes place at Stockholm University as one of the core partners of the LLM Legal Theory. It focuses on legal information management, legal research management, ICT and eLearning with the objectives of acquainting participants with legal writing skills, legal information management and innovate ICT based pedagogical methods. A core target group is legal academics who, in their role as teachers of law, will invoke these skills in research and teaching. With respect to applied legal theory, the other target group is legal practitioners being deemed to act on these skills.	
The year between the bi-annual Stockholm school, as in 2024, the module regularly takes place in Frankfurt.	
E4 Formation of Normative Orders	
E4 concentrates on legal pluralism as fact and normative challenge. The main course E4a treats legal pluralism in historical, descriptive, and normative respect. The main class is threefold and has been taught for many years by experts in legal pluralism as <i>Klaus Günther, Lena Foljanty</i> (University of Vienna, chair for legal pluralism), or <i>Ralf Seinecke</i> (MPI for Legal Theory and Legal History).	
The focus of this module is also the interrelation of human rights and democracy and international law as subject matter for this relation (E4 b,c), regularly taught especially by <i>Armin von Bogdandy</i> , director of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg.	
All of the teachers in E4 are well known by publications. E5 Law and Economy (Governance, Compliance)	
This module is connected with the teaching body of Frank- furt's House of Finance (as a cluster of scholarship in law and economics at GU). The essential introduction will be given by <i>Matthias Goldmann</i> , prof. at the European Business School. Closely connected is <i>Klaus Mathis</i> , University of Lucerne, who convenes a well-established annual conference on Law and Economics in early April. On demand, there may be classes in legal history concerning the paradigm of good governance historically. The MPI Frankfurt (see E1 above) is a major center for research on the Salamanca School. Thus, students profit from this	
research.	

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	Throughout the academic year there are events by a joint institution of the law and economy departments, i.e a research center for advanced studies in the "Foundations of Law and Economy" ("Kollegforschergruppe", sponsored by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), co-directed by <i>Tobias Tröger.</i> The center regularly hosts visiting scholars in this field based
	in the House of Finance. The law faculty's Institute for Law and Finance (also located in the House of Finance) offers a two LLM programmes.
	By co-operating with law firms students encounter the practitioner's approach. The class with renowned lawyers of the leading law firm DLA (Prof. Dr. <i>Jürgen Taschke</i> and associates) operates as a legal clinic on governance and compliance.
	E6 Global Law - Global Digitality
	The module on Global Law pays attention to an increasingly important aspect of global law: Global Digitality. Thereby, it connects not only topics of the module B2 but also of A1 and E3. To unfold these connections there will be a general introduction with special regard to the media of law as presented in module A by <i>Thomas Vesting</i> . This will be followed by a focus on certain vital examples as public broadcasting, the control of social media, the use of smart contracts and in general of algorithms. All teachers of this module are well-known. <i>Matthias</i> <i>Kettemann</i> is professor at the university of Innsbruck (Austria). <i>Roland Broemel</i> is professor at the Goethe University and an expert in data protection and algorithms in law.
	E7 Law, Language and Reasoning
	E7 deepens C2 by mainly focusing on law and logic (including linguistic and semantic aspects of legal argumentation).
	It is convened by EUI Florence in cooperation with the University of Bologna, the Jagiellonian University of Kraków and Harvard University (http://lawandlogic.org/).
	The Law and Logic module has been successfully offered by a large internationally renowned teaching body for many years. It is a highlight for any student focusing on law and logics.

		spring term	
March – mid-April		vacation	
March/early April		e 11 th Law and Economics Conference see below sub winter / summer schools	Lucerne
		- Law, technology, and human rights	<i>Migle Laukyte</i> (Pompeu Fabra, Barcelon
		- Law, philosophy and technology/The realignment of the sources of the law and their meaning in an information society	Ugo Pagallo (Turin
	, 0,	- The quest for law/IT law problem solving	Peter Wahlgren (Stockholm
Febr 07-09	E3 7 CP	Law and Technology	Frankfurt
tba		- Law and Literature	Steve Howe (Lucerne
		- Legal Gender Studies Jan 30-31, online	<i>Juliane Ottmann</i> (Berlin FU
Special lecture date tba		Special lecture (topic and date tba)	Gunther Teubner (Frankfurt
Jan 29		- Legal Critique	Doris Schweizer (tbc
5311 <i>LL</i> 20		Jan 22 Jan 23 Jan 24 Jan 26	Rottleuthne (FU Berlin/Frankfurt
Jan 22-26	7 CP	- Sociology of Law	Hubert
Jan 22 - 29	E2	versa) Jan 16/17	
Jan 17/18		<i>Law and Religion</i> Law and Revolution or the Berman-Thesis. On the Impact of Religion and Theology on Law (and vice	(Halle) Gerhard Dilcher
		Societies Jan 16	substitute lecturer: Mariana Monteiro de Matos
Jan 16		- Legal Anthropology Accommodation of Diversity in Contemporary	Marie-Claire Foblets
		impact of legal history on legal theory Jan 15	substitute lecturer: Raquel Sirotti
Jan 15	7 CP	- Legal History Theoretical grounds of legal history and the	Thomas Duve
Jan 15 - 18 Jan 15	E1 7 CP		

April 22 -	E4 7 CP	Spring Term, modules E4-7 The modules E4-7 are offered in the spring term designed to focus on elementary issues thereby deepening again the programme of the winter term (see explanation above). As the modules E4-6 are strongly interrelated, students may take them all together (although again examinations are only required in two of the modules E3-7). E7 reiterates and deepens central aspects module C. Formation of Normative Orders Global Legal Pluralism – descriptive and normative	Frankfurt
April 22		- Legal pluralism: history and current debates April 22	Ralf Seinecke
April 23 April 24		 Legal pluralism: normative April 23 Legal pluralism and multinormativity 	Klaus Günther
April 26fl		April 24, onlin Human Rights and Democracy	e Lena Foljanty (Vienna)
		 War and the History of International Law. Justification, Critique, Multinormativity International Justice From Public International Law to International Public Law: A Theory of International Normativity April 29 (tbc) 	Milos Vec (tba/tbc) (Vienna) Armin von Bogdandy (MPI Heidelberg)

E5	Law and Economy (Governance)	Frankfurt
7 CP	Law and Political Economy This class provides a profound understanding of the multiple, intricate relationships between the law and the financial sector, how they mutually shape each other, and how our understanding changed over time. The sessions require the preparation of theoretical texts about the role of law in the financial sector, and the study of court decisions. The theoretical texts available at least in the LLM archive introduces participants to important strands of past and contemporary research on the role of law in the economy or the economic ramifications of the law. They follow more or less a chronological order. Authors include Max Weber, Karl Polanyi, Friedrich Hayek, the law & economics literature, Foucault, and recent scholarship related to the financial crisis. The court decisions address various issues, including sovereign debt litigation, investment law, as well as monetary and regulatory issues from Europe and beyond.	Matthias Goldmann
	convened by Klaus Mathis (Lucerne) Governance and Compliance Liability of companies in Criminal Law Compliance	Lorenz Schulz Jürgen Taschke
E6 7 CP	- Internal investigations Seminar with case studies (legal clinic) Date tba, face-to-face, details tba	(Frankfurt, DLA Piper)
	General introduction The Case of Public Broadcasting May 6	Thomas Vesting Roland Broemel
	 Methodical changes in law through digitasation Control of Social Media ; 	Matthias Kettemann (Innsbruck)
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1 st week of July	E7 Law, Language and Reasoning	Florence EUI
1 st week of July	 Philosophy of Language and Legal Semiotics Formal Logic and Legal Argumentation (Basic Course) Formal Logic and Legal Argumentation (Special Course) Formal Logic and Legal Argumentation (Special Course) see http://lawandlogic.org/ face-to-face application Febr - April The Summer School on Law and Logic (deepening C2) has been held for many years. It is designed to give students rigorous training in a wide variety of logical methods that can assist all kinds of legal analysts, including students, lawyers, judges, and scholars, based on a systematic method for assessing the strengths and weaknesses of arguments in legal reasoning (called the Logocratic Method by Scott Brewer). Since so much legal analysis consists in making and evaluating arguments, this method can be a powerful tool for	Florence EUI Matthias Armgardt (Konstanz) Scott Brewer (Harvard) Agata Ciabattoni (Bologna) Emiliano Lorini (Toulouse) Juliano Maranhao (Sao Paulo) Antonino Rotolo (Bologna) Giovanni Sartor (EUI Florence)
	all legal analysts. For LLM students this deepens module C. For illustration of this option see programme of 2019 (last offline school): Monday, 9:00 – 10:30 Perceptions of cooperation and clash of logic and law – opening thoughts about the utilities of logic for law – Basic definitions and methods of the Logocratic Method (Brewer / Sartor) 14:00 – 15:30 Introduction to propositional logic: Part 1 (Maranhão) 16:00 – 17:30 Part 2 (Maranhão) Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:30 Revision of basic concepts and exercises from the first day 11:00 – 15:30 Representing legal rules and legal arguments in propositional logic: Part 1 (Brewer) 14:00 – 15:30 Part 2 (Arngardt) 16:00 – 17:30 Revision of basic concepts and exercises on propositional logic: Part 1 (Brewer) 14:00 – 15:30 Part 2 (Arngardt) 16:00 – 17:30 Revision of basic concepts and exercises on propositional logic Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:30 From propositional to predicate logic: grammar and basic structure (Rotolo) 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break, Lower Loggia, Badia 11:00 – 12:30 Session 31:2: From propositional to predicate logic: grammar and basic structure (Rotolo) 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch, Mensa, Badia 14:00 – 15:30 Session 32:1: Revision of basic concepts and exercises on predicate logic – link 16:00 – 17:30 Modelling the law in predicate logic (Rotolo) Thursday, 9:00 – 10:30 Argumentation and argument schemes (Sartor) 11:00 – 17:30 Formalising argumentation / Burdens of proof and presumption – (Sartor) 14:00 – 15:30 Analogical reasoning: Part 1 (Brewer) 16:00 – 17:30 Deontic and modal logic: Part 2 (Ciabattoni) 11:00 – 12:30 Deontic and modal logic: Part 2 (Ciabattoni) 11:00 – 12:30 Deontic and modal logic: Part 2 (Ciabattoni) 11:00 – 12:30 Deontic and modal logic: Part 3 (Lorini) 16:00 – 17:30 Indection: generalisation and specification (Brewer) 11:00 – 12:30 Inference to the best explanation / Abduction (Brewer) 14:00 – 15:30 Closing session: Presentation of Certificates of Attendance	s

	winter and summer schools	
	conferences abroad	
	events and seminars at Frankfurt	
	Summer schools provide the occasion to deepen the standard programme. They enrich the knowledge in legal theory matters and foster the intercultural competences targeted at by the LLM. As with winter schools, students also get the opportunity to get to know centers of excellence throughout Europe. They get into contact to additional legal theory scholars thereby completing the personal knowledge of leading European legal theorists and they make friends with students beyond the regular class of the LLM Legal Theory (as these schools are offered to a broad audience). In general, there is no academic tuition for students of the LLM, however there may be a fee for catering, accommodation etc. The participation in non-obligatory modules or schools will be listed in the diploma supplement of the degree certificate.	
tba	11th Law and Economics	Lucerne
	Conference	convened by <i>Klaus Mathis</i>
	See impressions from the last conference in April 2022: www.unilu.ch/fakultaeten/rf/professuren/mathis- klaus/veranstaltungen/archiv/9-law-and-economics-tagung-luzern-law-and- economics-of-the-digital-transformation-6043/#section=c131349	(Notre Dame L. School)
June tba	Lucerne Summer University LSUE at the Institute of Social Ethics ISE	Lucerne
	Who is responsible for climate protection? What can be done against global inequality and poverty? How can global justice be connected with local traditions, cultural diversity and religious values? How can human rights be ethically justified as universal norms? What ethical chances and risks arise from the digital transformation and the growing use of artificial intelligence?	
	"The Lucerne Summer University: Ethics in a Global Context LSUE" under the patronage of the UNESCO enables young scientists and researchers to examine ethical questions of today and tomorrow – beyond the boundaries of academic fields, cultures and religion – and to search together for solutions in a global context.	
	This practical and action-oriented dialog is ideal to nurture a constantly expanding, international network of committed decision makers who exchange knowledge, advise each other and work together. The guiding principle of this endeavor is "Know how, act now".	
	www.unilu.ch/en/study/courses-exams-regulations/faculty-of- theology/courses/summer-university-lsue/	
	Glasgow Law and Philosophy Network	Glasgow
	www.gla.ac.uk/schools/law/newsandevents/headline_671011_en.html	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Annual Adam Smith Lecture in Jurisprudence	
	hosted annually by the Glasgow Legal Theory research group in commemoration of the course of lectures on jurisprudence delivered by Adam Smith at the University of Glasgow in 1762-3. Participants of the research group are among others: <i>E. Christodoulidis, Marco Goldoni, George Pavlakos</i>	

late June 2023	Summer School on Human Rights	Palermo PhD Program on Human Rights convened by Elisabetta Di Giovanni
winter and summer term	The weekly Frankfurt Legal Theory Seminar carries on the long tradition of legal and social critique at Frankfurt. Commonly referred to as the "Mittwochsseminar" ('Wednesday Seminar'), the colloquium was established in the post-war period by Rudolf Wiethölter	
	The seminar hosts respected authors and researchers every semester. Since 2014, some of these guests have been: Jan Assmann, Gunther Teubner, Jürgen Habermas, Axel Honneth, Karl-Heinz Ladeur, Hans Lindahl, Stephan Meder, Christoph Menke, Marcelo Neves, Anton Schütz, Fabian Steinhauer, Michael Stolleis, Rainer Forst, Chris Thornhill, Gunnar Folke Schuppert, Josef Vogel, Bernhard Waldenfels, Christoph Möllers, Marietta Auer and Isabel Hensel. www.jura.uni-frankfurt.de/60571341/Frankfurt_Legal_Theory_Seminar	

early July	AI and Law (Summer School)	EUI Florence		
	https://aiandlawschool.eui.eu			
	Taniaa	Kevin Ashley		
	1 History of ALS Low including a yory brief history of AL	(Pittsburgh) Arthur Dyevre		
	 History of AI & Law, including a very brief history of AI Knowledge-based systems for representing regulations. 	(Leuven)		
	including their application in public administration and	Giuseppe Contissa (Bologna)		
	regulatory compliance 3. Models of legal argument, including case-based and	Guido Governatori		
	lagic based engrasebas	(Bologna) Matthias Grabmair		
	4. Evidential reasoning, including argumentation-based,	(TU Munich)		
	scenario-based and Bayesian approaches5. Retrieving and analysing legal texts including case	Francesca Lagioia (Bologna)		
	retrieval, discovery, information extraction, document	Marco Lippi		
	analysis and design, and network analysis6. Predictive models, including predicting outcomes of	(Modena) Juliano Maranhao		
	cases, crimes, and recidivism	(Sao Paulo) <i>Monica Palmirani</i>		
		(Bologna)		
		Henry Prakken (Utrecht)		
		Amedeo Santosuosso (Pavia)		
		Giovanni Sartor		
		(EUI Florence) Adam Wyner		
		(Swansea)		
summer term				

mid-June	D 16 CP	Master th	nesis	3 rd term research network partner
mid-Sept			dy and completion of Master thesis (at home, in artner universities or at EALT 3 rd term network): Frankfurt	With members of the teaching body mentioned above
			Goettingen	Dietmar v.d. Pfordten
			Halle (MPI)	Marie-C. Foblets
			Hamburg	Jochen Bung
			Heidelberg (MPI)	Armin von Bogdandy
			Munich	Frank Saliger
		Europe	Manon	
		Luiope	Aix-en-Provence	Jean-Y. Chérot
			Barcelona Pompeu Fabra	Josep J. Moreso
			Bari	Migle Laukyte
				Michele Mangini Miodrag Jovanovic
			Belgrade Bologna / EUI Florence	Giovanni Sartor
				Chiara Valentini
			Brno	Tatjana Machalova
			Brussels	Antoine Baillieux
			Geneva (Themis Foundation)	Nicoletta Ladavac
			Glasgow	George Pavlakos
			Groningen	Pauline Westerman
			Kraków	Bartosz Brozek
			London/Ghent	Mark van Hoecke
			Lucerne	Klaus Mathis Malte Gruber
			Nijmegen	Petra Bárd
			Oxford	Maris Köpcke
			Palermo Paris EHESS	Isabel Trujillo Otto Pfersmann
			Sorbonne-Nanterre	Eric Millard
			Stockholm	Liane Colonna Mauro Zamboni Tarban Spaak
			Salzburg	Torben Spaak Stephan Kirste
			Sofia	Martin Belov
			Torino	Ugo Pagallo
			Vienna	Elisabeth Holzleithner
		Overseas		
			Sao Paulo (USP)	Ronaldo Macedo
				Juliano Maranhao
			Vitoria	Samuel Brasil
			Harvard Law School	Scott Brewer
			University of Virgina	Frederick Schauer

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