

Summer Term 2024

Department 06

Law

Seminar: Law and Political Economy

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Subject

In the United States of America and elsewhere, a supposedly novel research approach called “law and political economy” is currently advanced. In view of multiple social crises, in particular climate change, income inequality and structural racism, it suggests rethinking the relationship of law, politics and economics. Some of its strands expressly oppose dominating approaches of “law and economics”, which they regard as neoliberal. Instead they strive for politicising the economy through law in the sense of strengthening democracy and equality. The seminar intends to explore the origins, characteristics and ambitions of this movement in order to assess its potentials and problems.

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Organisation

The seminar consists of two parts. In a first session on 11 April 2024, we will read and discuss foundational texts in order to get an overview and gain background knowledge of the approach. In two full-day sessions on 28 and 29 June 2024, we will delve deeper into certain aspects of the topic on the basis of individual presentations. The language of instruction is English. A preliminary meeting for organising the seminar, introducing the topic and assigning the papers will take place on 4 April 2024 from 4 to 6 p.m. in building GW1, room B2070. Participation is limited to 10 places. All information and material is available on Stud.IP.

Credit

The seminar is offered as an elective course both in the field of specialisation and for the master degree in “Transnational Law”. Credits according to Paragraph 31 Sect. 2 No. 2, 4 and 5 of the Examination Rules or 6 ECTS can be obtained.

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