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**Seminar:**

## **European Administrative Law**

### **Subject**

Public administration is one of the most important, yet least understood legal institutions of our time (Seibel). Administrative law has long been a central legal infrastructure of the modern state. It protects the individual against disproportionate administrative intrusions and provides procedures designed to generate democratic legitimacy when parliament delegates policymaking powers to executive bodies. But what is the significance of core administrative principles when the EU as a supranational entity exercises administrative authority? How are they transposed into the administrative space beyond the state?

The seminar traces the remarkable evolution of European administrative law from a functionally limited structure required to facilitate economic integration into a highly complex administrative system. It seeks to provide a deeper understanding of the linkages and interdependencies between the EU and the member states within the European multi-level system. It analyzes the formative case-law of the European Court of Justice, the phenomenon of independent agencies, and the specific application of administrative principles such as transparency, discretion, and legal certainty. It looks at how proportionality analysis is conducted in EU administrative law how novel administrative institutions such as the Ombudsman operate in legal and political practice.

### **Time and Place**

The course is held weekly on Thursdays from 16 to 18 p.m. in the GW1 building, lecture hall B1070. While the seminar is predominantly designed as an interactive lecture, it will provide opportunities for individual student presentations on more specific issues of EU administrative law. My office hours are on Wednesdays from 16.15 pm until open end. Please feel free to come to my office to ask questions about the seminar or your legal studies at the University of Bremen more generally.

### **Credit**

The seminar is offered as an elective course for both students in the state examination and the master's program who specialize in "Transnational Law". Credits according to Paragraph 31 Sect. 2 No. 2, 4, 5 of the Examination Rules or 6 ECTS may be acquired.