

# Field of Specialisation: Transnational Law

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# Transnational Law

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be deleted  
for any reason?

Where and how  
can you sue  
in the Dieselgate  
scandal?

Can Putin  
be prosecuted  
for the war in  
Ukraine?



Philip C. Jessup (1897–1986)  
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# What is Transnational Law?

Transnational Law is “all law which regulates actions or events that transcend national frontiers. [...] Both public and private international law are included, as are other rules which do not wholly fit into such standard categories.”

(Philip C. Jessup, *Transnational Law*, New Haven: Yale University Press 1956, p. 2)





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## Example (1/3)

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## Example (2/3)

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## Example (3/3)

→ Where and how can you sue in the Dieselgate scandal?



# What Do I Learn?

- to understand the **transformation of law** in the transnational constellation
- to acquire advanced knowledge on **law beyond the state**
- to deal with a **plurality of legal orders**
- to gain a **critical perspective** on the domestic legal order
- to improve **language proficiency** in English

# What Do We Offer?

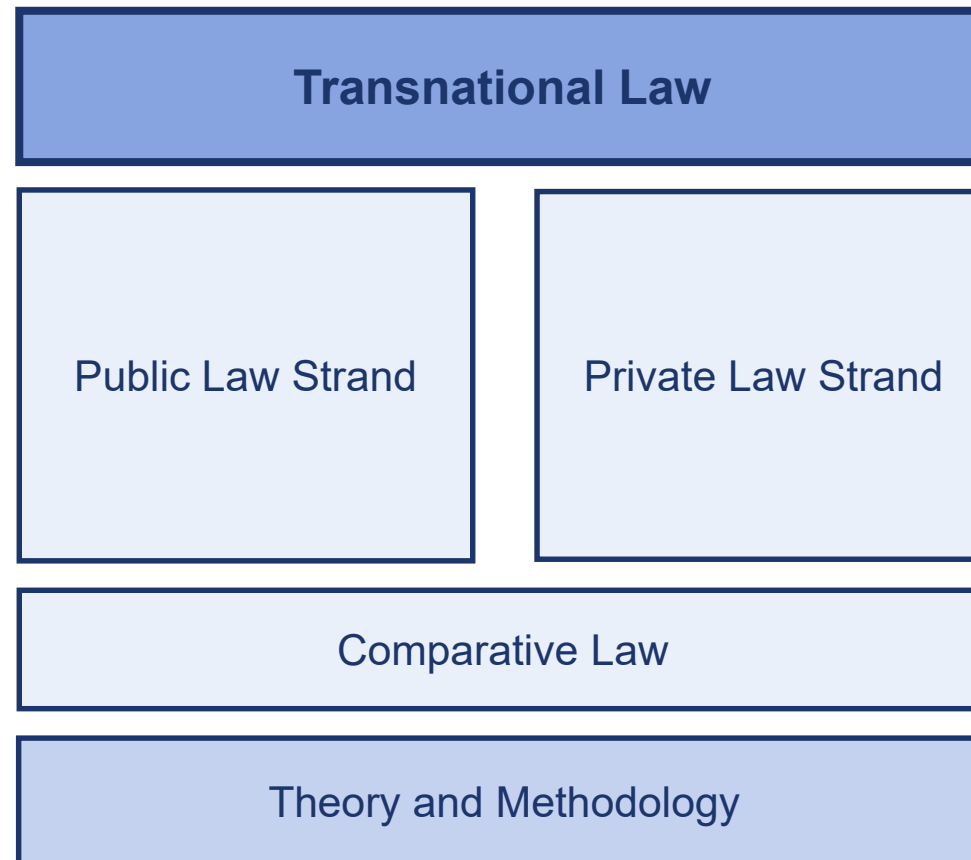
- **first** and **only** field of specialisation of this kind in Germany
- courses are taught in **English**, but exams may be taken in **German**
- instructors have obtained part of their **legal education abroad**



# What Do I Need?

- a good command of **English**
- a high degree of **curiosity** and **open-mindedness**
- a potential interest in a **transnational legal career**

# Structure



# Courses

Public Law Strand	Private Law Strand
Mandatory Courses	
European Constitutional Law Public International Law	Comparative and European Private Law Advanced Private International Law
Seminars and Elective Courses	
Comparative Constitutional Law European Administrative Law ...	International and European Property Law European Housing Law and Policy ...
Theory and Methodology	
Transnational Law I: Private Governance and Regulation Transnational Law II: Constitutional Issues Law and Literature in Europe	

# Who Teaches?

## Public Law Strand



Prof. Dr. Pia Lange



Prof. Dr. Lars Viellechner

## Private Law Strand



Prof. Dr. Frederick Rieländer



Prof. Dr. Christoph Schmid



# Context

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## ZERP-Kolloquium: 7. Juni 2024, 16 Uhr

Universität Bremen  
Gebäude GW1, Raum A1260  
Universitätsallee, 28359 Bremen

Presentation and Discussion

**Prof. Dr. Marcelo Neves**  
(University of Brasília):

"The Challenge of Transdemocracy"



**Topic:**  
The presentation is about a book project geared towards a new understanding of democracy, considering that so-called "democratic" decisions negatively affect other peoples and thus become undemocratic. In this sense, the concept of "popular sovereignty" has to be redefined. It starts from the concept of democracy as inclusion of those affected by the decision-making and addresses the negative impacts of democratic countries on their political and social environment through colonialism, neocolonialism, and imperialism, as well as its counter-effects. While the presentation is in English, questions may be asked in German.

**Speaker:**  
Marcelo Neves has been a professor of public law and legal theory in Brasília since 2011. He previously worked in Pernambuco and São Paulo and held positions in Germany, England, Italy, USA, Switzerland, and Chile. He obtained his doctoral degree from the University of Bremen under the supervision of Karl-Heinz Ladeur in 1991 and was awarded the Humboldt Research Prize in 2019.

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