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Theory of Law and Society

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Course description

The course is built on the reading activity of the students, some essential readings are discussed and disputed during the semester. The core problem is the evil face of law and its theoretical assumptions. The carefully selected texts illustrate the problems and limits of modern law and open the way for constructing a critical view on legal regulation.

Students read and dispute texts, find examples and illustrations, discuss moral issues concerning the functionality of modern legal systems.

Learning outcomes

Students should be able to: reading, conceptualizing, disputing, formulating critic

Reading (excerpts from)

- Valerie Kerruish: Jurisprudence as Ideology
- Peter Fitzpatrick: The Mythology of Modern Law
- David Fraser: Law After Auschwitz
- Peter Gabel: Another Way of Seeing

Assessment

active participation and a short essay