



Lectures conducted in English – Spring Semester 2022

Title of Lecture/Module	ECTS	Lecturer(s)	Content/Link
<b>Artificial Intelligence: Technology and Law</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Abraham Bernstein Florent Thouvenin	<p>Machines are increasingly capable of performing tasks considered to require "intelligence" if performed by human beings. Recent developments in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) are fueled by novel data processing technologies, ever growing amounts of data, and increased computing power. AI systems come with great promises and opportunities, but they also raise concerns in many respects, and they pose significant challenges to the application of today's legal order. Accordingly, regulators around the globe are currently investigating if and how the law should be adapted to meet these challenges.</p> <p>This course provides participants with an interdisciplinary view on Artificial Intelligence by focusing on the capabilities of AI systems and the regulatory as well as technical responses in Switzerland and Europe. In doing so, it also highlights some of the fundamental differences in preventing undesired outcomes in law and computer science and challenges all participants to reflect on practical solutions for the future.</p>
<b>Children's Rights</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Alexandra Dufresne	<p>This class explores the most pressing legal and policy dilemmas in the field of children's rights. We will take an international human rights and comparative law approach to major topics, including: protection from child abuse and neglect, child labor, the right to education, juvenile justice, the rights of refugee and immigrant children, the right to a sustainable environment, and issues of "child voice," including children's rights to participate in the political process. The class will combine theory with practice and teach students the real world skills they need to be effective lawyers and advocates for children. Although we will explore children's rights in an international human rights and comparative law context, a significant number of the cases we study will come from the U.S. and other English-speaking jurisdictions.</p>



<b>Comparative Administrative Law</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Felix Uhlmann	<p>Many countries struggle with the amount of regulation that administrative authorities must implement. Although the subject areas of such regulation are quite di-verse, the implementation is usually guided by some general rules, often unwritten. These rules form what is called "Administrative Law" (or "General Administrative Law").</p> <p>The course looks into these rules from a comparative perspective. Common problems that may arise in the administrative context are illustrated by cases and other materials. Students are asked to comment on these cases and compare them – if possible – to their own legal background.</p> <p>Due preparation for the course and active participation are mandatory (socratic method). Exams will take place in form of presentations at the end of the course (numbers permitting). Participation in class will be taken into account for the final mark.</p> <p>Course Materials will be available online (usually at least a week before class). An overview on Swiss Administrative Law and Procedure will be available.</p>
<b>Comparative Civil Procedure</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Samuel P. Baumgartner Tanja Domej	<p>Students will have an understanding of key problems of civil procedure and solutions developed in selected jurisdictions. This will also deepen the students' understanding of procedural problems in their home jurisdiction. Furthermore, students will improve their presentation and language skills.</p>
<b>Contemporary History of Law</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Elisabetta Fiocchi Malaspina	<p>The course will focus the attention on the 16th to the 20th centuries, scrutinizing the «modern» development of State's theories and the creation of the international law system; the complex and contradictory relations between violence and law, between war and law, between race and law, between (in)equality of man and law and finally between economy and law. The course will outline and analyse the legal consequence of entanglements, interactions, collisions of law and relate this to the nature and construction of the social order from a historical perspective.</p>



Reading of primary sources combined together with a critical reconstruction on law and jurists in their context will be done during the course.

**Cross-Border Litigation  
/ Complex Procedure**

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Samuel P.  
Baumgartner

The module covers either: (1) international aspects of civil litigation in national courts, or (2) complex litigation in national courts involving a multitude of participants, such as bankruptcy proceedings, class or other forms of group actions, or collective redress.

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The precise content of the course will be announced separately for every semester in which it will be taught.

In spring 2022, this will be a course on U.S. class actions, taught by Professor Baumgartner.

The purpose of this course is for you to learn some of the basics of U.S. class action law and practice. This should enable you to come to a first, tentative evaluation of what works, what does not, what is special to the United States, and what is perhaps portable to other jurisdictions considering introducing some form of collective redress. The focus is on federal class actions, that is, on Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and the case law interpreting and developing it.

**European Economic  
Law**

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Andreas  
Heinemann

The course gives an overview of the principles of European Economic Law. The economic constitution of the European Union and the foundations of the Internal Market are dealt with.

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Peter Georg Picht

The general perspective will be complemented by an analysis of the most important cases of the European Court of Justice. The focus will be on the free movement of goods, services, persons and capital as well as on EU competition law.



<b>European Institutions</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Helen Keller	Selected questions of constitutional/institutional law of the EU and of the bilateral relations between the EU and Switzerland; a special focus lies on the discussion of current developments and challenges (e.g., Brexit, fundamental rights, democratic legitimacy, rule of law, EU external relations law, the EU and the People, Swiss-EU relations and institutional issues).
<b>European Private Law</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Yesim M. Atamer Helmut Heiss Leander D. Loacker Andreas Kellerhals	Although Switzerland is not formally a Member State of the European Union, European legislation is highly relevant for Swiss courts and jurisprudence, since EU Market Law is also implemented and applied in Switzerland in different contexts. The most important examples stem from the fields of EU Consumer Law, EU Competition Law, EU Company Law and EU Insurance Law.  Building on the four market freedoms and the efforts of legislative alignment within the EU Single Market, the course aims at presenting the main precepts of substantive private law created by the European Union and to make students aware of the peculiarities of its application in Member States as well as in Non-Member States such as Switzerland.
<b>Foundations and Trusts</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Dominique Jakob Michelle Kalt Nathalie Peter	The course will deal with the fundamentals of (private and charitable) foundations with a focus on Swiss and Lichtenstein law; it will further deal with Trusts and the recognition of Trusts under the Hague Trust Convention.
<b>History of International Law</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Oliver Diggelmann	The course aims to deepen the students' understanding of contemporary international law and international relations. It asks about epoch thresholds and continuities and sheds light upon the genealogy of important rules. In the first part of the course, we will discuss topics such as: "beginnings" of international law and diplomatic relations, international law and colonization, peace and stability, decolonization, world wars and collective security, the emerging age of human rights. In the second part, a number of participants will be given the opportunity of making a presentation on a topic jointly agreed upon.  The slots for presentations are limited.



<b>International Commercial Arbitration</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Ulrich Haas Felix Dasser Anya George Daniel Girsberger August Reinisch	<p>The module provides students with a level-appropriate overview of the basics and practice of arbitration and thus provides insight into conflict resolution instruments that are particularly important for international business. Lectures by experienced, internationally active experts ensure a high degree of practical relevance.</p> <p>The students know the essential sources and the central problem areas of international commercial arbitration. They are able to use their practical knowledge fruitfully and to solve corresponding cases.</p>
<b>International Criminal Law</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Frank Meyer	<p>The first part of the lecture will introduce students to the foundations, goals, and present-day challenges of international criminal law. Students will be acquainted with the crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and aggression. The course will briefly discuss issues of sentencing and enforcement of sentences.</p> <p>The second part of the lecture will be dedicated to the enforcement of ICL.</p> <p>Jurisdiction over international crimes, the evolution of international tribunals, and international criminal procedure will be discussed in the context of the present political environment. Particular attention will be paid to the legal options available to avert impunity in today's ongoing conflicts.</p>
<b>International Economic Law</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Christine Kaufmann	<p>The course addresses different forms of economic cooperation in public international law. It will discuss the multilateral world trade system (WTO), international investment regulations and international monetary law and their interactions with other areas of international law such as environmental and human rights law.</p>
<b>International Finance Law</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Alexander Kern	<p>This course is designed to examine the role of international financial law and regulation in the operation of financial markets. It also seeks to enhance understanding of the rationale, methods and institutional design of the regulation and supervision of financial markets from an international, European and comparative perspective.</p>



<b>International Human Rights</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Christine Kaufmann	The course will provide an overview of the current international human rights regime: It will cover the main international and regional human rights instruments and the different monitoring mechanisms. A substantial part of the Course is dedicated to the discussion of cases.
<b>Internet Law</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Demian Stauber Stephanie Volz	<p>Students will gain a deeper understanding of various internet-specific legal issues, namely in the area of Internet Governance, Data Protection, E-Commerce, and Copyright Law; The focus will (mostly) be on European law.</p> <p>The course consists of three parts: (1) seven introductory lectures from February-April; (2) writing of the paper in March/April; and (3) a two- day recess in early May. During the recess, the students will have to present their findings and discuss them with the professor and their fellow students.</p>
<b>Introduction to Chinese Business Law</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	3	Esther Nägeli	<p>China's economic development and its importance as a global player for Europe and Switzerland are increasingly becoming the focus of our own economy. The shift in global forces is making us more and more aware of the dependencies between China and other economic areas, especially Europe and the USA. In addition to an introduction to Chinese business law, an overview of corporate law, commercial law, intellectual property and competition law will be given. The central topics in the field of trade and investment in China are covered and the economic, cultural and social background is highlighted. In addition to her academic qualifications, the lecturer Dr. Esther Nägeli has many years of practical experience in China projects and is currently a partner in a law firm specializing in this area.</p>
<b>Introduction to Sports Law</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Jan Elmar Kleiner	The course will primarily cover the following topics: sports organisation and governance, rules and regulations (including financial stability, anti- doping and fight against match-fixing), dispute resolution.



<b>Introduction to U.S. Business Law</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Andreas Kellerhals	The lecture offers an introduction and an overview of the most important business law regulations in the United States. After an introduction to the US-American legal system and the most important "players", individual areas of business law will be dealt with in depth and compared to EU and Swiss rules. It is also planned to involve US lawyers for individual lectures.
<b>Introduction to U.S. Civil Procedure</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Samuel P. Baumgartner	Introduction to U.S. civil procedure. We will focus particularly on those aspects of U.S. civil procedure that are quite different from continental European civil procedure and, in some cases, different from civil procedure anywhere else in the world.
<b>Law and Technology - a cross-continental perspective</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Florent Thouvenin	This course will explore the interaction between law and modern technology. It will introduce students to the potentially problematic relationship between legal rules and technological change, and then begin to explore real substantive problems at the interface between them. This will require some understanding of particular legal doctrines and particular technologies, which the course itself will provide. It is the aim of the course to teach, encourage and nurture creative legal (and technological) thinking when contemplating questions such as the possible regulation and/or promotion (for example, through patents) of technology and technological change.
<b>Legal History</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Johannes Liebrecht	Legal History often deals with remote, albeit very interesting and relevant, issues. However, legal history can also provide a picture of more recent developments which form the basis of our current laws. This course will do exactly that. It will provide students with an account of some of the crucial lines of development within Europe's Legal History of, roughly speaking, the last 200 years. Thus, the course will combine legal history with an assessments of today's legal culture. In contrast to the Master-Vorlesung Rechtsgeschichte der bürgerlichen Moderne (which is delivered in German), this course will not adopt Switzerland as its starting point. Instead, it will trace, and thus follow, the developments of the law in Europe from the French revolution onwards, thereby providing students with a general comparative framework. The course is designed for students who wish to obtain a broad overview of some common, specifically modern, features of the Western legal tradition. It is open to Swiss students (both students at the UZH and those doing a Joint Degree) as well as students from abroad who are spending part of their



			studies at Zurich University (e.g. Double Degree and Master Programme students). Students do not need to fulfill any particular preconditions for attending this course, nor will they be expected to have attended legal history courses before. The only prerequisite is curiosity. This course will be offered in the Spring Semester.
<b>Legal Sociology</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	6	Christoph Beat Graber	This course undertakes an in-depth discussion on the fundamental issues concerning the relationship between law and society, with questions in respect to history, methodology and philosophy of science playing an important part. In doing so, specific questions on the functioning and meaning of law in modern legal systems will be addressed. The significance of legal sociology in the various workings of the law will be elucidated based on practical examples.