Novelty and obviousness under EPC and German case law; opposition procedures against national German and EPC patents; invalidation procedures against national German as well as German parts of EPC patents. Handling of Patent Disputes in Europe with a special focus on Germany including specific issues as (1) Defining the scope of protection by claim interpretation including the issue of literal versus equivalent patent infringement, (2) infringing activities, (3) means for evidence, (4) defense arguments for the defendants, (5) procedural questions like warning letters, choice of venue, preliminary injunctions, enforcement etc. We will close with various case studies based on important case law produced by the Federal Supreme Court to illustrate the foregoing program.

**Dates:**
- 11/11, 18/11 08:30-14:00
- 13/11, 20/11 14:00-20:00

**Take Home Exam:** Option to write the exam either in English or Hebrew.

**Course Conditions:** Students must have studied a course in Intellectual Property and Patent Law and have to apply to get approval to registrant to the course.

EU External Trade is an advanced course offering a comprehensive understanding of core political/legal elements of EU External trade, which includes formal agreements, such as EU-bilateral trade Agreements, its Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), and the WTO; and informal trade relations with for example the US and China.

**AIM OF THE COURSE:**
The aim of this interdisciplinary course is to give the students the knowledge and understanding of the political/legal aspects of the EU external trade, the WTO, how WTO
law and EU law interact, the relevant case law before the WTO’s Dispute settlement body and the European Court, and how the EU uses its power to shape the international trade rules and how it uses the WTO to achieve its goals.

**Dates:** 17/11, 21/11, 24/11, 27/11, 29/11, 30/11 16:00-19:30.

**Take Home Exam:** Option to write the exam either in English or Hebrew.

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This course will examine the strengths and weaknesses of different institutional arrangements for implementing economic regulatory statutes. It focuses on how the design of regulatory institutions can shape substantive policy results. Specific topics include the definition of goals, the optimal degree of regulator independence from the political process, the assignment of functions, the choice of governance mechanisms for the regulator, the selection of remedies for infringements, and the distribution of enforcement authority among government bodies and private actors.

To illustrate its main points, the course will draw upon examples from competition law, consumer protection, data protection, and public utility oversight of sectors such as energy and telecommunications. The course also will consider methods for evaluating the performance of regulatory authorities.

**Dates:** 6/12, 7/12, 8/12, 11/12, 14/12, 15/12 16:00-19:30

**Take Home Exam:** Option to write the exam either in English or Hebrew.
This course will analyse the case law of the European Court of Human Rights on freedom of religion or belief and the legitimate restrictions that States can impose on this fundamental right. It will explore the Strasbourg’s position on —among other issues— the State’s religious neutrality, the presence of religious symbols in the public space, the permissibility of offensive anti-religious speech, the influence of parents’ religious choices on their children’s lives, and the legal treatment of extremist political parties.

Dates: 05/12, 13/12, 18/12 12:00-15:30
12/12, 19/12 16:00-19:30
09/12 09:00-12:30

Final Paper: Option to write the exam either in English or Hebrew.
Corporate Governance: Acquisitions and Capital Structure

Prof. Charles K. Whitehead
Cornell Law School
USA

Corporate governance has time and again been the subject of extensive scrutiny. This course will focus on the U.S. approach to corporate governance, control, and accountability, in particular in two contexts—corporate acquisitions (hostile and friendly) and capital structure. Both acquisitions and capital structure provide a means to improve corporate governance. A principal focus will be on large, publicly-traded corporations that dominate much of the U.S. business environment, in particular, its control and the potentially conflicting interests that the corporate form must mediate. Topics to be covered include basic fiduciary obligations, shareholder voting rights, the impact of capital structure on corporate governance, and corporate control transactions.

Dates: 02/01, 05/01, 08/01, 10/01, 12/01, 15/01 16:00-19:30

Take Home Exam: Option to write the exam either in English or Hebrew.

Course Conditions: Students must have studied a course in Corporate Law.

European Information Privacy Law and its Global Impact

Prof. Nikolaus Peifer
University of Cologne
Germany

The course will discuss the theoretical and legal background of information privacy protection within the European Union. We will focus on the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which has a remarkable extraterritorial effect. It sets standards for data uses by electronical means irrespective of the seat of the controller. It controls international data flows and therefore has a global effect.

The course will explain the philosophical ideas of privacy protection and the constitutional values which back the GDPR.

Dates: 13/03, 14/03, 16/03, 19/03, 20/03, 22/03 16:00-19:30

Take Home Exam: Option to write the exam either in English or Hebrew.
The lecture deals with the legal architecture for the Eurozone in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and its changes in the course of the Euro-crisis. This includes the establishment of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), the so-called Draghi plan, to stabilize distressed countries by buying bonds on the secondary market and various legal norms to reduce government deficits. It also deals with the European banking regulation and supervision of financial Institutes and includes a discussion of the latest decisions of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) and national courts on the competences of the central bank council. The lecture includes an economic and political analysis of the factors leading to the establishment of the Euro, the economic shortcomings of the present legal framework and an evaluation of proposals to further stabilize the Eurozone by Eurobonds, a European finance minister or a sovereign insolvency procedure for member states of the Euroz.

**Dates:** 08/5, 10/05, 14/05, 17/05, 21/05, 24/05
16:00-19:30

**Take Home Exam:** Option to write the exam either in English or Hebrew

This research colloquium is aimed at deepening students’ understanding of economic and behavioral analysis of law and to improve their ability to critically review current studies in the field. It does so by bringing scholars from all over the world to present cutting edge law and economics research to the students. Six classes will be devoted to scholars presenting their papers to the students. In the remaining classes, participants will critically discuss the research presented in the previous classes, and the instructors will give introductory comments about the paper which will be presented in the following meetings. Students will be required to submit written comments for the papers presented in the colloquium and will also be asked to prepare brief presentations to facilitate class discussion during the sessions in which we will not have guest speakers.
Grades: 70% papers, 30% class participation and student presentations. Attendance and participation are mandatory.

**Dates:** 09/05, 16/05, 23/05, 06/06, 13/06, 20/06 14:00-18:00

**Take Home Exam:** Option to write the exam either in English or Hebrew.

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This course introduces students to the behavioral analysis of law. A behavioral approach to legal analysis asserts that the efficacy of the law depends on its understanding of relevant patterns of human behavior. We will review the ways in which the scientific study of human judgment and decision making can inform the positive and normative analysis of legal rules and institutions. The behavioral approach differs from both its economic counterpart and traditional legal scholarship: From the former, in recognizing that decision makers are not strictly rational; from the latter, in proposing an empirically based view of human behavior, instead of an intuitive one, as a foundation for law. We will examine critically how behavioral findings on systematic patterns of behavior that deviates from strictly rational utility maximization are applied to the law, recognizing the unique promise of this approach as well as the limitations of its methodology.

**Dates:** 10/05, 17/05, 24/05, 07/06, 14/06, 15/06 08:30-12:30

**Take Home Exam:** The final exam accounts for 100% of your grade, subject to a class participation adjustment of up to 5% in either direction, for either exceptional or inadequate participation. Attendance is mandatory and you should come to class having read and thought about the material, and ready to participate in a critical discussion of the sources.

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<th>Sex and Guilt: The Criminal Regulation of Sexuality</th>
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The course will examine the criminal regulation of sexuality in the United States. Now that the Supreme Court of the United States has invalidated statutes punishing homosexual
sex, many people have the impression that the criminal law rarely intervenes in the realm of sexuality. In fact, the criminal law continues to play a significant role in that realm, and this field of regulation raises fascinating and excruciating questions, ranging from the conceptual to the theoretical to the political to the ethical to the doctrinal. We will devote time to the history (really, histories) and functions of the criminal regulation of sex, exploring the ways in which the traditional prohibitions on non-marital sexuality shaped the contemporary law of sexual assault, as well as the justifications and models for punishing rape, sex with minors, incest, commercial sex, and obscenity.

Readings will focus on United States sources and will include case law, statutes, scholarly articles, and literary texts. We will weigh competing political perspectives, including those from feminist theory, gay legal theory, and critical race theory. To the extent possible, we also will do some comparative legal work, with students encouraged to bring comparative perspectives to the table in each unit of discussion.

**Dates:** 28/05, 29/05, 01/06, 04/06, 06/06, 08/06 16:00-19:30.

**Take Home Exam:** Option to write the exam either in English or Hebrew.