

General Theory of Law

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Language: English

Time: Wednesday, 16.00

Outline of seminars:

1. Opening information, organization
2. Concept of law, system of legal disciplines
3. Law as a specific social technique
4. The legal order
5. Brno normative legal school (1919-1950)
6. Sources of law
7. Large legal systems
8. Legal state (The rule of law)
9. Interpretation of law
10. Implementation of law
11. Basic problems and topics of General theory of law.
12. Discussion on the semester paper

Literature:

H. Kelsen: *General Theory of Law and State*. New York: Russell and Russell, 1964.

B. H. Bix: *A Dictionary of Legal Theory*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.

H. L. A. Hart: *Concept of Law*. HART, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1994.

D. J. Galligan: *Law in Modern Society*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007.

R. Cotterrell: *The Sociology of Law*. London: Butterworths, 1992.

P. Osina: *Legal Theory*. Praha: Leges, 2017.

The seminars will be realized seminars in a distance form through the Microsoft Teams application at the times specified in the schedule. Link to connect to Microsoft Teams students will receive by email.

Requirements for conclusion of the course:

-Active participation in seminars

- The essay (about 6 pages long), theme of students' choice - about some legal philosopher, legal theorist, theoretical approach in law or about some legal problem.