

General Theory of Law

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Language: English

Time: Wednesday, 18.00

Outline of seminars:

1. Opening information, organization
2. Concept of law, system of legal sciences
3. Characteristics of law
4. Fundamental approaches in law
5. Philosophical foundations of law
6. Methodological approaches in legal science
7. Legal norms
8. Legal relations – prerequisites, subjects and objects
9. Law and State (Rule of Law)
10. Sources 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 by remote live transmission via the Microsoft Teams application at the times specified in the schedule. Link to connect to Microsoft Teams students by email.

The end of our course: the essay (about 6 pages long), theme of the of your choice - about some legal philosopher, legal theorist, theoretical approach in law or about some legal problem