



Lectures conducted in English – Fall Semester 2024

Title of Lecture /Module	ECTS	Lecturer(s)	Content
Children's Right Link	6	Karl Raymond Julienne Hanson	Adopting a critical, reflexive view on how children's rights are theorized, discussed and applied, the course will present and discuss the normative content, implementation and monitoring mechanisms of the international children's rights instruments, in particular the 1989 UN Convention on the Right of the Child. In addition, the course will explore the interaction between the legal, social and political dimensions of the children's rights project through a discussion of themes central to the field, including debates on child labour and education, child soldiering, international child protection, juvenile justice and the politics of children's representation.
Contract Design I Link	6	Alexander Stremitzer	<p>Contract Design I is taught by Professor Stremitzer and aims to bridge the gap between economic contract theory, contract law, and the writing of real-world contracts. In this course, we take a systematic approach to contract design. This means we first analyze the economic environment in which a transaction takes place, and then engineer contracts that achieve the desired outcome.</p> <p>Contracts are agreements between parties to engage in transactions. A good contract creates value by giving parties the right incentives to meet their objectives. A good contract designer scrutinizes the economic situation in which parties find themselves and tailors the contract to the challenges at hand. To help you become sophisticated contract designers, we draw from insights for which more than half a dozen Nobel Prizes were awarded in the past two decades and transfer them to the art of writing real-world contracts. In other words, Contract Design will provide you with analytical tools to design contracts that help you be better lawyers, business leaders, and startup founders. We will cover topics such as moral hazard, adverse selection, elicitation mechanisms, relationship-specific investments, and relational contracting and apply the theoretical insights to real-life case studies ranging from purchases & sales of assets, oil & gas exploration, movie financing, production & distribution, construction &</p>



development, M&A deals, venture capital financing, to executive compensation and many other types of transactions.

The course follows a flipped-classroom model: You will watch learning videos specifically produced for this course ahead of class. We will use class time to discuss real-world case studies. The videos will be made available before the lecture each week and need to be watched to participate in the lecture. The concepts discussed in the videos will then be asked on the quizzes.

As the emphasis of this class is on class discussion, attendance is mandatory. Absent important reasons you cannot miss class more than twice. The lectures will be recorded, but only made available to those who miss lectures with excused absence.

Please consult the the course catalogue ([->Link](#)) for further information on the examination form.

<p>Comparative Constitutional Law Link</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Daniel Moeckli</p>	<p>This course covers both the methodology and substance of comparative constitutional law. We will explore commonalities and differences amongst various constitutional systems. In particular, we will compare different approaches to key constitutional concepts such as the separation of powers, judicial review, fundamental rights, and democracy.</p> <p>Maximum number of participants: 22</p>
<p>Comparative Private Law Link</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>José Luis Alonso / Elisabetta Fiocchi Malaspina/Estelle M.D.I.M. Fragu/Natasa Hadzimanovic</p>	<p>The course will introduce students to contemporary concepts and methods of comparative law. It will illustrate the functions of comparative law by examples taken from various systems of law as well as sources of uniform law.</p>
<p>Criminology Link</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Dirk Baier</p>	<p>The course aims to introduce students to the basic concepts of criminology and a selection of specific research areas. Students learn how to plan, implement and evaluate a criminological study based on selected research areas. Suitable criminological research methods are presented using concrete examples. Current criminological research projects are analysed, whereby students deal with questions of theoretical conception, evaluation and interpretation.</p>
<p>Criminal Justice and Human Right's Link</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Sarah Jane Summers</p>	<p>This course examines the intersection between criminal law, criminal process, and human rights. The criminal law is the most severe measure at the state's disposal. The criminal law is a tool of coercion, which allows the state to punish its own citizens. Human rights are commonly viewed as exerting limits on the coercive reach of the criminal law and criminal justice authorities. At the same time, the criminal law has increasingly been seen as a means for protecting and enforcing human rights claims, particularly in the context of policing and prosecution and punishment of violent and sexual crimes. This course will allow for consideration both of rights as limits on the state's powers in the criminal justice context and of rights as grounding demands that the authorities act to investigate, prosecute, and punish crime.</p>



Current Issues in International Law Link	6	Raffaella Milena Kunz	<p>This course examines current, generally important issues of international law. Topics will therefore vary from year to year.</p> <p>The topic in fall semester 2024 is Digitalisation and International Law.</p>
European Criminal Law Link	6	Lukas Staffler	<p>The course offers a systematic introduction to the field of European Criminal Law combining European Union Law and Council of Europe Law. The course will cover substantive criminal law (e.g. money laundering, terrorism) as well as criminal procedure (most importantly mutual legal assistance and law enforcement institutions). In the first part, particular attention will be paid to the structures and constitutional foundations of European Criminal Law and its fundamental rights framework. The powers and limits of law- and policy-makers in the European realm will be subjected to critical analysis. The second part of this course continues with an overview of the main substantial and procedural issues in the field of European criminal law before turning to more in-depth explorations of selected up-to-date topics. Among others, innovations in the EU will be studied (EPPO, mutual recognition, e-evidence) and discussed in terms of their compatibility with human rights, traditional tenets of criminal procedure and basic concepts of justice. Finally, the delicate position and options of Non-EU-countries will be addressed.</p>
European Law of Insurance Markets Link	6	Marta Halina Ostrowska	<p>The course is designed to examine the architecture of the European insurance regulation, explain how to navigate the regulation and to better understand the mechanism of insurance. Class participation is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Understand the role and place of insurance in financial markets and broader economy.- Discuss insurance as a risk management tool.- Analyse financial market failures and explaining how and to what extent governments may correct those failures by the means of regulation.- Understand and critically assess the architecture of the European insurance regulation.- Discuss how insurance markets may contribute to tackle global problems of climate change, social sustainability, cyber security etc.
European Tax Law Link	6	René Matteotti	<p>The course European Tax Law is divided into three parts and begins with an introduction into the general principles of EU law looked at from a tax perspective and an overview of the tax relevant aspects of the relationship between Switzerland and the EU. In Part two, the ECJ jurisdiction on the fundamental freedoms in tax matters and its impact on the domestic tax laws of the EU member states will be discussed. Part III deals with the tax directives and the EU state aid rules with a focus on direct taxes. Part II and Part III will consist of presentations of the students.</p>
History of Business Law Link	6	Elisabetta Fiocchi Malaspina	<p>With a global perspective, the course will focus the attention on the historical entanglements between law and economics, examining the history and rise of business law. Special attention will be given to theories and practices of business law in its historical developments. Further information can be found on the website of the lecturer.</p>



International Organisations Link	6	Pierres-Yves Marro	The course addresses the role of international organizations in public international law. It starts with a general part on the theory and law underlying international organizations. It then discusses the UN, the EU as an example of a supranational organization, regional organizations such as the OSCE and the Council of Europe, further the WTO, the Bretton Woods Institutions, humanitarian organizations such as the ICRC, and the role of NGOs.
International Sales Law (CISG) Link	6	Yesim M. Atamer	This course is designed to introduce students to the theoretical and practical problems of international sales law and the legal solutions served by the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG), which entered into force in 1988 and counts today more than ninety contracting states. The course focuses mainly on the scope of application of the CISG, the hierarchy between the CISG and national sales law provisions, formation of the contract under the CISG, obligations of the parties and remedies in case of non-performance, and the liability regime of the CISG. The course aims also to use the CISG as a base to discuss differing approaches in Civil Law and Common Law jurisdictions, thereby facilitating students with international background to scrutinize their own national sales law system.
International Trade Regulation Link	6	Charlotte Sieber-Gasser	This course deals with the two central developments in the field of international trade regulation since the end of the Second World War, namely multilateralism and regionalism. With respect to the former, the focus lies primarily on the law and policy of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Topics include the principles of non-discrimination and transparency, the pursuance of legitimate policy objectives other than trade liberalisation (such as the protection of the environment and human and animal life and health), non-tariff measures (such as rules on technical regulations and subsidies), and current developments (such as economic coercion, the dissolution of the WTO Appellate Body, and trade sanctions against Russia). Special attention is given to the case law of WTO panels and Appellate Body. With respect to regionalism, the focus lies on the law and policy of free trade agreements. Of particular interest are examples of regulatory innovation in selected free agreements which the US, the EU and Switzerland have concluded with partners all over the globe. Moreover, the relevance of "mega regionals" and plurilateral initiatives, such as the CPTPP, RCEP, or the Joint Statement Initiative on E-Commerce is discussed. Finally, the course also addresses the relationship between international trade regulation and domestic law and policy, in particular with a view to EU and Swiss law.
Introduction to Swiss Law Link	6	Marc Thommen/ Nadine Zurkinden	The course offers an introduction into the following topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Swiss Constitutional Law2. Swiss Administrative Law3. Swiss Tax Law4. Swiss Private Law5. Swiss Contract/Company Law6. Swiss Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure7. Swiss Civil Procedure8. Roman Law9. Legal History10. Legal Sociology



			11. Legal Philosophy Please consult the website of the course catalogue (→Link) for further information on the program.
Law and Economics Link	6	Yoan Hermstrüwer / Mark Steiner	Introduction to the foundations of the economic analysis of criminal law, property, tort, contract, corporate, competition and intellectual property law
Law and Sustainability Link	6	Yesim M. Atamer/ Samuel K. Alexander/ Tanja Domej/ Andreas Heinemann/ Helmut Heiss/ Christine Kaufmann/ Rolf H. Weber/ Aline Darbellay Suso	The course will explore different legal aspects related to sustainability. Delving into the intricate interplay between law and sustainability, it will discuss the role of law and regulation in enhancing sustainable business practices. The study of international standards will illustrate how global developments contribute to shaping sustainability laws. The course will start with a general introduction to the UN sustainable development goals and the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct. It will then go into details of the relevant private law aspects, with a specific focus on Swiss and European Union law, encompassing contract and tort law, insurance law, and private international law. It will also cover the topic of sustainability from the corporate and financial law perspective, including aspects such as banking regulation, capital markets law and competition law. Students will develop a holistic understanding of the current legal framework while staying abreast of recent developments that pave the way for future reforms of the legal framework.
Law and Technology: A cross continental perspective Link	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. Registration for this course: by e-mail to lst.thouvenin@rwi.uzh.ch (stating your full name, e-mail address, matriculation no.) This course is limited to 30 UZH students.
Legal Theory Link	6	Matthias Mahlmann	The module offers an outline of key issues of a theoretical reflection of law and justice. It will discuss some historical examples of the evolving theoretical reflection of law and its ethical foundations. In addition, central analytical and normative problems will be considered concerning the structure and content of law and its relation to ethical thought. A special focus of attention will be contemporary cognitive science and its impact on the understanding and conceptualisation of law, including the structure and origin of moral cognition and the problem of free will. The course will offer a critical assessment of these approaches that form one of the most important issues in the contemporary reflection about law. Serious thought on these matters, it will be argued, leads to central problems of our human self- understanding that are of foundational importance for our concept of law. The theoretical reflection and its results will be exemplified by concrete cases including target killings, torture and other issues of civil, criminal, public law and the adjudication of human rights.
Onlinekurs II: Introduction to Legal Data	6	Tillmann Martin Altwicker	This online course aims to introduce students to legal data science and teach them competences in the statistical software R and basic statistics. The course is designed for law students who are interested in expanding their skillset to data science and intend to use these skills to conduct simple legal data



<p>Science Link</p>	<p>science projects, for example as part of their master's thesis or dissertation. The course is conducted solely online and will be self-paced. Course structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is Legal Data Science? - R Basics - Analyzing Data and Data Visualization in R - Descriptive Statistics in R - Statistical Inference in R - Linear regression in R - Tidy Data - Text as Data Basics
<p>Principles of Corporate Law Link</p>	<p>6 Samuel K. Alexander / David B. Roth In the course Principles of Corporate Law we will discuss and analyse the fundamental theories of the company, the role of the board of directors, the role of shareholders, the minority shareholder rights, investor protection, the EU Company Law, Corporate Governance, insider dealing and market abuse, etc. All the issues are dealt with using an international and comparative perspective. Please consult the website of the chair of Prof. Alexander to get a comprehensive overview.</p>
<p>Recent Case Law of International Courts Link</p>	<p>6 Helen Keller / Viktroiya Gurash Cases before international courts and tribunals raise fascinating, often highly political issues and shape the future development of international law. In this course we will critically analyse some of the most important judgments issued in recent years by the International Court of Justice as well as other international and regional courts and tribunals, such as the European Court of Human Rights. The course will be based on a reader of recent international case law. Each lesson will be devoted to the thorough analysis of one or two cases decided by an international court or tribunal.</p> <p>The number of participants is limited to 22. Places are assigned during the allocation. The admitted participants are informed promptly. Students without assignment are placed on a waiting list. Cancellation of participation is only possible until the end of the cancellation period. Participants who could not be considered in the first place will be informed immediately when they move up during the move up period. (Application Module)</p>
<p>Regulation without Law? Law and the Technologies of the Twenty-First Century Link</p>	<p>6 Christoph Beat Graber The rapid evolution of technology in the twenty-first century has changed our everyday experience. Every time we connect to the online world, we are faced with filtering technologies that determine what we can or cannot view. More and more we are tied into technology-driven regimes that tether us to manufacturers able to control our experience through locked-in systems and "updates", such as with the iPhone.</p> <p>Dependency-creating technologies are being developed, such as "terminator seeds" that self-destruct after one use, forcing farmers to buy seeds anew every season. These technologies exclude people in a manner analogous to state-enacted property regimes, or make them dependent on their manufacturers, raising issues of power balance. But, how is it that we should understand these technologies and the fact that they have law-like effects? Should we understand them as law or as part of the legal system?</p>



			At the same time, how do these new technologies affect the way we conceive law? During the course we are going to take a primarily theoretical approach to reflect on the relationship between law and new technologies of the twenty-first century and how the concepts of "law" and "regulation" evolve under these new technological conditions.
Responsible Business Conduct Link	6	Christine Kaufmann/Ron Popper	<p>The course will focus on the existing and emerging rules on corporate responsibility. After an introduction covering the basic instruments in the field of responsible business conduct, including the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines on MNEs, we will discuss the intersection of business with all aspects of society, with a more detailed look on environmental impacts and sector-specific risks.</p> <p>Students will have an understanding of how business activity impacts different aspects of society and the environment and what responsible business conduct entails. They will learn about regulatory instruments on national, regional and international level and how to apply them.</p>
The Art and Science of Negotiations Link	6	Felix Addor	<p>Being an effective negotiator is a critical skill in any profession. Negotiation skills are important in all life situations. For example, in order to get a job contract, assessment exercises usually require candidates to participate in a group negotiation exercise as one of the tasks. The negotiation process is a comprehensive strategy for resolving conflicts of interest in a sustainable way. It is based on skills that are not innate, but can be acquired and improved through intensive and practical study. The 'Art and Science of Negotiation' course will introduce you to some of the key aspects of negotiation theory and practice. It is an interactive learning-by-doing course that focuses on the basic skills of negotiation. It can change participants' perspectives on how negotiations should be planned, structured and conducted to be successful. The course includes negotiation theory and concepts as well as extensive preparatory reading, combined with role-playing and mock negotiations, case analysis, class discussions and self-assessment tools. The course is designed for those who would like to learn and reflect on how to resolve conflicts of interest in a sustainable manner – even under time pressure; who are interested in applying what they have learned in exercises in class and in daily practice; and who are willing to actively participate in all modules of the course. The number of participants is limited to 24.</p> <p>“To me, this course was about more than just grades, which is not something I can say for a lot of courses” (M. J., course participant, fall term 2022).</p> <p>Please consult the website of the course catalogue (→Link) for further information on the program.</p>
Workshop and Lecture Series on the Law and Economics of Innovation Link	6	Andreas Heinemann/ Peter Georg Picht/ Stefan Bechtold	<p>The Workshop & Lecture Series is a joint project of ETH Zurich and the Universities of St. Gallen and Zurich. The series provides an overview of current interdisciplinary research on innovation, intellectual property, antitrust, privacy and technology policy. Scholars from law, economics, management, computer science, psychology and related fields give a lecture and/or present their current research. All speakers are internationally well-known experts from Europe, the U.S., and beyond.</p>