

## SEMINAR FOR STUDENTS STUDYING COURSES DELIVERED IN ENGLISH

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The course is particularly useful to the following categories of students:

- (i) Erasmus and exchange students from other countries in Europe with two or more years of studying law in their home Universities;
- (ii) Norwegian law students who have studied less than 3 years of their master degree and who are required to study at least one elective course which is delivered in English;
- (iii) Students who are not law students but studying for a bachelor degree.

### 1. OBJECTIVES AND AIMS OF THE SEMINAR

The objective of the Seminar is to introduce Visiting and Norwegian students to legal systems particularly the EU legal order; explain the relationship between Norwegian domestic law, European Union, European Human Rights Law and International law. The objective of the Seminar is also to give students a general introduction into methods of law study such as case-law method and to improve their understanding and practical skills of interpreting and applying international, EU and national law sources. Students are also given an introduction into syllabus, goals and reading requirements, albeit at the general level.

The Seminar is organized as lectures, group work and discussions where students will discuss a topic or article assigned to all the BA students and an assignment addressed to specific law disciplines at the BA level.

### 2. RECOMMENDED READING

It is recommended that students read the following texts in advance:

- All students:
  - *Van gen en Loos* and *Costa Enel* cases, European Court of Justice (extracts posted on the website).
- Recommended reading for individual law topics below
  - There will be discussion of small group assignments handed out in the classroom. You may find it useful to read the texts listed below before the Seminar. All texts are part of required course reading for corresponding subjects. NB: It is not necessary to bring the reading materials to the classroom.

#### 1. JUS1730 INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

- Ch. 1 “The Law of Armed Conflict as a Branch of Public International Law” of Part I Introduction, pp. 3-8 in **Robert Kolb and Richard Hyde**, *An Introduction to the International Law of Armed Conflicts* (Oxford: Hart, 2008). NB: available as e-Book at the library catalogue (Bibsys)
- Ch. 7 “Basic Principles of the LOAC” and Ch. 8 “Main Sources of the LOAC” pp. 43-59 in **Robert Kolb and Richard Hyde (2008)**.

**2. JUS1310 EU COMPETITION LAW**

- **Pp. 115-136** in Chapter 3 “Article 101(1) (§ 4 “The Object or Effect of Preventing, Restricting or Distorting Competition), **Richard Whish**: Competition law, 7th edition, London 2012. NB: *Wouters*-case at pp 130-133!

**3. JUS1240 COMPARATIVE PRIVATE LAW**

- M Andenas and D Fairgrieve, ‘There is A World Elsewhere’ — Lord Bingham and Comparative Law in M Andenas and D Fairgrieve (eds) Tom Bingham and the Transformation of the Law (Oxford University Press 2009), 402 (Available as ebook from the University Library by using "BIBSYS ASK" online-system). (45 pp)

**4. JUS1260- ENGLISH LAW OF CONTRACT**

- **Chapter 1** “Introduction to the law of contract”, **pp. 2-21** in **Jill Poole**, Textbook on Contract Law (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012, 11th edition), and
- Ch.6, **§ 6.5** “Principles determining how to interpret contracts” in **Jill Poole**, **pp. 220-228**.

**5. JUS1710- INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**

- **Chapter 18 “Freedom of expression”** in **Smith, Rhona**, Textbook on International Human Rights, 5th ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press 2012

**6. JUS1641- ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS LAW**

- Chapter 1 “Telecommunications Law and Regulation: an Introduction”, **pp. 3-24** in **Ian Walden** (ed.), "Telecommunications Law and Regulation" (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012, 4th edition). Chapter 1 can be downloaded at <http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199656660.doc>

### 3. SEMINAR OUTLINE

*27th August 2014 Wednesday*

**I 08.15-09.00: Sources of law in the national, EU, and international legal systems**

**II 09.15 – 10.00: Relationship between domestic/EU/International Law**

- Discussion of *Van gen en Loos* and *Costa Enel* cases (posted on the website)
- Some of the questions to be discussed in the classroom:
  - What is the principle of supremacy?
  - What is the meaning of direct effect?
  - Who can be granted enforceable rights under EU Law?

*29th August 2014 Friday*

**III 08.15-09.00: Interpreting and understanding legal texts: Legal method in a national, EU and international perspective**

- Introduction into the legal method and interpretation (lecture)
- Work in small groups and discussion of assigned questions (to be handed out in the classroom).

**IV 09.15-10.00**

- Summary of the Seminar and discussion of problems pertaining to legal writing for law students taking law courses in English
- Legal writing and exams (practical insight)