

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; and methods of study such as case-law method. The objective of the Seminar is also to give students a general introduction into the legal method relevant for analysing and solving assignments at their respective law courses.

The Seminar is organized as lectures, group work and discussions.

2. RECOMMENDED READING

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

- All students:
 - *Assignment 1 and Assignment 2: please read the questions and the materials (treaty provisions, case law) attached to the assignment and consider the questions before the class!* These materials should be taken to the seminar by students (electronically or hard copy). There will be no hand-outs prepared.

3.SEMINAR OUTLINE (PRELIMINARY)

I Legal Systems including the EU legal order

- What are the sources of Norwegian, EU Law and International Law?
- What kind of Treaty is the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU?
- What types of laws are adopted in the EU legal order?
- How does a Regulation differ from a Directive and from a Decision?
- How are legislative measures adopted under these 3 legal systems? What are the key differences?

II Relationship between domestic/EU/International Law

- Who can be granted enforceable rights under EU Law?
- What is the meaning of direct effect?
- What is the principle of supremacy?

III Legal method in a national, EU and international perspective

- Discussion of Assignments (see nr 2)
- Work in small groups and discussion of assigned questions.

IV Interpreting and understanding legal texts: Statutes, Regulations, Directives and cases

- Summary of the lecture and discussion of problems pertaining to legal analysis and writing for law students taking law courses in English