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Judicial Aspects of the European Union

The lecture will cover sources and scope of European Union law and will explain the institutional structure (legal system, institutions and bodies, decision-making procedures and financing) and the fundamental principles. It will show on basis of the primary and secondary legislation how the European Union works.

The main focus will be set on the single market as the EU's greatest achievement. It is an area without internal borders in which the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital is guaranteed. In this context, we will discuss the way from economic to political union achieving the goals of stability, a single currency, mobility and growth. We will outline the context of Economic and Monetary Union and explain the coordination and surveillance of economic policies. We will look on the sectoral policies and how the EU addresses its various internal policies and on the EU's external relations, which cover foreign policy, security and defence, trade, development, human rights and democracy, enlargement and relations beyond the EU's neighbourhood.

The seminar will also give an introduction in the concept of Citizens' Europe describing individual and collective rights.

Additionally, we will focus the current issues of Brexit.

Literature:

- Craig/Burca, EU Law: Text, Cases, and Materials, 2015
- Horspool/MBE/Wells-Greco European Union Law, 2016
- Kirk, EU Law (Law Express), 2016
- Barnard The Substantive Law of the EU: The Four Freedoms, 2016
- Streinz, Europarecht, 2016
- Herdegen, Europarecht, 2016

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