



DAAD Guest Professor Dr. Prabhakar Singh



The DAAD awarded the Center for International Affairs (ZfI) the financing for a Chair on Common Law from a Global Perspective. Accordingly, starting from October 2022, over the course of two years, the ZfI will welcome four distinguished guest professors from all over the world, who will stay, teach and research in Bochum for a period of six months.

Our first guest from October 2022 through March 2023 is Professor Dr. Prabhakar Singh from India. He earned his LL.B. at the National Law Institute University in Bhopal, India, completed his LL.M. at the University of Barcelona in Spain, and defended his PhD at the National University in Singapore.

Professor Singh is a professor of law at the BML Munjal University School of Law, Gurgaon, India as well as a member of the Executive Council of the Asian Society of International Law. He has lectured and published extensively in Asia and in Europe. His expertise lies in international law and the Indian legal tradition; topics on which he will be lecturing this Winter Semester at the RUB. We warmly welcome him to Bochum and are looking forward to learning from him!

Exclusive Courses on Indian Law and the Common Law Tradition



Our DAAD Guest Professor Dr. Prabhakar Singh is offering three courses this Winter Semester for members of our faculty. This is a unique opportunity to learn about Indian Law and the Common Law Tradition.

The course **History of Indian Law** deals with how India became the constitutional state it is today. India's legal evolution starts in 1774. Having replaced the Portuguese and the French, the British East India Company took power in the country. The British rule, and especially the attempt of Christianization as well as the ousting of the Great Mogul, ultimately resulted in the Indian Rebellion in 1857 also called the first war of independence.

The British though left personal law untouched, introduced British common law, they which had a major influence on the legal system in India. Ultimately, in 1950, India gave itself a constitution. The course covers the legal development between 1774 and 1950 through cases and scholarly articles.

The course **Introduction to Indian Constitutional Law and Comparative Constitutional Law** discusses the constituent assembly's successful drafting of the Indian constitution from 1947 to 1950. The course offers an insight into how India ensures a contemporary understanding of the constitution and how the constitution is comparative as it is inspired by other common law countries' constitutions, first and foremost those of the United States and the United Kingdom. The structure and basic functioning of this constitution is very much of interest to see a postcolonial society go about synthesizing their past traditions with their present challenges.

The course **Common Law and India's Religious Traditions** addresses one of the biggest legal challenges that resulted from foreign legal interference in India. Since the British did not interfere with personal law, Indian courts applied the law of the respective communities in such matters. This however, led to British judges applying local laws and creating binding precedents for the future. The students will learn how Indian legal practice balanced this complicated interdependence between the British common law and the Indian local law.

All three courses are open for registration in eCampus and offer an exclusive insight into the legal regime of the world's most populous state.



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Law, Sustainability and Climate Change



Climate change is one of the biggest problems facing the world in the 21st century. Nowadays, it is common knowledge that global warming is taking a heavy toll on our planet due to human activities such as the burning of fossil fuels, deforestation and our agriculture. Therefore, we all need to help limit the progression of climate change. This is a task for everyone, but especially for our governments and the industry.

The question arises, in what ways law can effectively contribute to the fight against climate change? This particular topic will be discussed in our brand new lecture, "Law, Sustainability and Climate Change" held by Dr. Oliveira de Sousa. The course will take place every Thursday between 10am and 12pm via Zoom. Students can earn their foreign language certificate if they successfully participate and write a paper at the end of the course. The course can also be used as an elective in our Anglo-American Law and Language Certificate Program. Registration is open through eCampus until October 13, 2022.

Reading Seminar for Lawyers: Law, Literature and Ethics



Do you like reading and discussing books and have an interest in English literary texts? Then the following reading seminar taught by Dr. Prochownik and Ms. Wolski this winter term 2022/23, may appeal to you!

Under the title "Law, Literature and Ethics", Dr. Prochownik and Ms. Wolski will discuss the impact of law in literary texts and vice versa. Participants will take a closer look at the way law is presented and treated in literary works and how literature contributes to the study of law. They will also speak about moral philosophical issues underlying these topics.

Students will examine recent court rulings as well as different popular novels and short stories concerning legal, legal-philosophical, and ethical questions written by well-known authors such as William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, or Franz Kafka.

The course will take place every Monday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. via Zoom. At the end students will need to write an essay to earn their foreign language certificate. Participants of our Anglo-American Law & Language Certificate Program can use this course as one of their elective courses. Registration is open via eCampus until October, 13th 2022.

Transcript of Records now available in English

Up until now, an overview of the Transcript of Records could only be downloaded in German from eCampus. For an official Transcript of Records in English, students therefore had to translate the courses individually by themselves, using translation aids and then inserting them into the English template.

An English Transcript of Records facilitates international applications for internships abroad and is mandatory for international LL.M. applications. From this winter term 2022/23 onwards, students have the opportunity to receive their Transcripts of Records, including all courses since summer term 2016, in English. The Transcript of Records is acquired via eCampus and is therefore accessible to all students (under "Overview of certificates (view/print)"). Students can select their degree programme and then choose between an overview of all credits (including their failed exams) or an advanced printout of the Transcript of Records (only passed exams) and more recently also between the German and English languages.

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Go Abroad, Law Student!



We hear it way too often that law is a national subject. You are all studying law in your respective legal systems and that is what you know. There are some areas that have a transnational, or even international aspect, such as European Law and International Law but the emphasis is on the national, domestic law. This is correct, and yet you all have the opportunity to spend a semester abroad and gain an insight into the workings of foreign legal systems. The Legal Faculty of the Ruhr University Bochum offers a wide range of possibilities to go and study abroad, within the European Union with the financial assistance of an Erasmus stipend. You can pick and choose from Universities in Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Greece, Italy, Croatia, Lithuania, Norway, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland, Slovenia, Spain, The Czech Republic, Turkey, Ukraine, and Hungary. For more information, please visit our website at <https://juraweb.zrs.rub.de/auslandsstudium>

The Law Faculty Welcomes Erasmus Students from the Ukraine

Our life is the reflection of personal choices and only one rightly made choice can become decisive. I was convinced of this, when I made the decision to spend the semester as an Erasmus+ student at the Ruhr University Bochum, which made Bochum my home for almost a year now. I first came from Ukraine to Bochum in October 2021 and spent an exciting semester exploring Germany. As the tensions of Russia invading Ukraine were developing right before our eyes and discussions about it were held during international law courses, nobody could ever imagine the scale of future disaster. After completing my semester in Bochum I returned home in February 2022 and just 10 days after my arrival the war erupted. The Ruhr University Bochum kindly allowed me to extend my Erasmus+ program for another semester, which allowed me to continue studying in such uncertain times. During the two semesters at the RUB, I have studied courses in various areas of international law from the diverse catalog offered by the Center for International Affairs. The commitment and engagement of the professors of the Legal Faculty were inspiring and enriching in terms of professional knowledge. In the summer semester I have completed the Certificate Program in Anglo-American Law & Language, which allowed me to get acquainted with a different approach to legal studies and the understanding of law in the common law system. I am extremely grateful to the RUB for such a wonderful academic experience and people who overwhelmed me with kindness and sincere attitude. Conclusion? Everything happens for a reason, once you make the right choice.
Written by Ms. Anastasiia Koziak



New, Higher Erasmus Stipends!

The Erasmus program, which is the most popular academic exchange program in the European Union, offers students a monthly stipend for the months they spend abroad. This is not a full scholarship but rather a financial contribution to even out the possibly higher living costs students incur abroad in comparison to their regular living expenses at home. These stipends are based on the average cost of living in the participating countries. Accordingly, participating countries are divided into three groups. The first group, the most expensive countries, includes Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, and Sweden. Here, as of the Winter Semester 2022/2023, you receive a monthly stipend of **600 Euros**. The second group includes Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, The Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Spain, and Cyprus, where you receive **540 Euros**. The third group with Bulgaria, Estonia, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, North-Macedonia, The Czech Republic, Turkey, and Hungary, provides you with a monthly stipend of **490 Euros**.

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English-Language Course Catalogue Winter Term 2022/2023

Title of the Course	Name of the Professor	Course ID Number	Type	Day	Time	Registration Deadline
Introduction to American Law	Dr. Beke-Martos	Nr. 060300	HGB 50 HNC 30 HZO 40 HGB 50 HGB 50 On-site	24.10.22 25.10.22 26.10.22 27.10.22 28.10.22	16-20 Uhr 16-20 Uhr 14-20 Uhr 16-20 Uhr 16-20 Uhr	20.10.22 23:59
US Constitutional Law I: State & Governance	Dr. Beke-Martos	Nr. 060301	Online Audio Course	Monday (17.10.-21.11.22)	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.	13.10.2022 23:59
Introduction to International Dispute Settlement	Herr Wuschka	Nr. 060305	On-site GD1/148	25.-26.11 und 9.-10.12.2022	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	17.11.2022 23:59
Normative Legal Philosophy	Prof. Dr. Magen	Nr. 060003	On-site HGD 10	Wednesday	12.15 p.m. - 13.45 p.m.	
Law, Literature and Ethics	Dr. Prochownik, Ms. Wolski	Nr. 060115	Zoom Video Course	Monday	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	13.10.2022 23:59
An Introduction to Comparative Constitutional Law	Dr. Oliveira de Sousa	Nr. 060318	On-site GD 1/450	Thursday	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	13.10.2022 23:59
Law, Sustainability and Climate Change	Dr. Oliveira de Sousa	Nr. 060317	Zoom Video Course	Thursday	10 a.m. - noon	13.10.2022 23:59
International Legal Dialogue	Prof. Dr. Windel	Nr. 060173	Hybrid Course FS 3/314	To be announced		07.10.2022 23:59
History of Indian Law	Prof. Dr. Singh	Nr. 060314	On-site GD1/450	Monday	4.45 p.m. - 5.15 p.m.	13.10.2022 23:59
Introduction to Indian Constitutional Law and Comparative Constitutional Law	Prof. Dr. Singh	Nr. 060315	On-site GD1/450	Tuesday	10 a.m. - noon	13.10.2022 23:59
Common Law and India's Religious Traditions	Prof. Dr. Singh	Nr. 060316	On-site GD1/478	Monday	noon - 2 p.m.	13.10.2022 23:59
Law & Global Challenges	Prof. Dr. Kaltenborn	Nr. 060306	On-site GD 04/143	Tuesday	noon - 2 p.m.	
U.K. Company Law	Dr. Janßen	Nr. 060302	On-site GD 1/148	18.-19.11 & 2.-3.12.2022	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	10.11.2022 23:59
International Environmental Law	Prof. Dr. Scholtz	Nr. 060309	Hybrid GD1/148 (only on 21. + 22.10.22)	11.+13.+17.+19.10. 2022 online 21.10.22 + 22.10.22 in person	18 - 19:30 Uhr 9 - 16:30 Uhr 9 - 14:45 Uhr	06.10.2022 23:59
U.S. Intellectual Property Law	Mr. Hanrahan	Nr. 060304	Zoom Video Course	Tuesday	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	13.10.2022 23:59
Jessup Moot Court 2022/23	Mr. Potthast, Mr. Hoang	Nr. 060330	On-site GD 04/143	Thursday	2 p.m. - 6 p.m.	

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