

**Public Economics Group**

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**Course Outline: Economics of Civil & Criminal Law, Summer 2019**

**Description:**

Law and Economics is about the way in which legal rules impact the behavior of relevant actors and about the social desirability of these repercussions of legal rules.

The first part of the course will consist of lectures meant to convey the principles of the economic analysis of law. The second part of the course will consist of student paper presentations that explore selected topics in more detail. Presentations may refer to relatively recent contributions to the law & economics literature or own research ideas.

**Topics covered in the first and (potentially) second part:**

- Economics of tort law
- Economics of contract law
- Economics of litigation
- Economics of criminal law

Potential participants: Ph.D. students in the MAGKS program; students in the Master of Science in Economics and Institutions Program

Place: Room BT 1

Time: April 25 (9.00-18.00), April 26 (9.00-18.00), April 27 (9.00-15.00):

Lectures (Ph.D. and Master students)

May 9 (9.00-18.00), May 10 (9.00-16.00):

Presentations (Ph.D. and Master students)

May 24 (9.00-18.00):

Presentations (only Master students)

June 14 (9.00-18.00):

Tutorial (only Master students)

June 28 (8.30-9.30):

Exam (only Master students)

**References:**

Much material of the first part will be based on or similar to the material in:

Miceli, T.J., 1997. *Economics of the Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Excellent surveys are contained in:

Parisi, F., 2017. *The Oxford Handbook of Law and Economics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Polinsky, A.M. and S. Shavell, 2009. *Handbook of Law and Economics*. North-Holland.

**Syllabus effective (subject to change): 9 April 2019**