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Theory of law and contemporary juridical thought

3 credits	30.0 h	Q1

Teacher(s)	De Schutter Olivier ;					
Language :	French					
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve					
Main themes	This course introduces the student to the principal debates focusing on the role of law in society and the transformations that this role has experienced. Rather than an abstract or purely doctrinal introduction to these debates, the course places these elements in their historical context - also situating the genealogy of the questions faced by law theory - and tries to position them with regard to the contribution of reflection on contemporary questions such as, for example, the relationship between democracy and constitutionalism, or the increasing process of law procedures. In order to attain the above-mentioned objectives, the course on law theory and contemporary juridical thought will provide readings on the way their relation with market rights has evolved and on the successive interpretations that have been put forward in these here. The course will thus place focus on the different functions that have been attributed to the State in the regulation of the market relations, since the conception of the liberal State to the rise of the social state and the questioning of its existence, or to the attempts to redefine it that we witness today. At the start of this reading key, the course offers a comparison of the evolutions that have taken place in the United States, on the one hand and in Europe, on the other. An important part of the course is reserved for the study of the role of the relationship between contractual libery and fundamental rights to the regulation of the market by the State and also to the relation between juridical regulations and economic analysis. No prerequisite is imposed for this course. The teaching methods are classical: the course is based on lectures with intermittent discussions with the audience, in which the students are encouraged to participate. Course support materials consist of a file of documentation including doctrine articles and jurisprudence decisions, relevant to the presentation of the course content. The student will also be provided with a bibliography to help					
Aims	This course aims to introduce the student to the theoretical debates focusing on the evolution of law in contemporary societies and on the different interpretations which are put forward. The student should thus be able to have access to the concepts and authors which will help him to adopt a critical and reflective stand with regard to the current situation on positive law. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s)					
Faculty or entity in	can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit". BUDR					
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Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims		
Bachelor in Law	DROI1BA	3		•		
Master [120] in Criminology	CRIM2M	3				