This seminar will consider a range of issues in philosophy of law with particular emphasis on various dimensions of the relationship between law and morality.

Requirements: Students are required to read each week's assignments carefully and participate regularly in seminar discussions. Each student must make a presentation to the seminar. Two written work options are available: (1) a long (7000 word) paper on any topic addressed in the seminar or (2) two shorter (3500), critical essays on issues we have explored. These may, but need not, be related to the topic of one’s presentation.

Those readings marked with an asterisk (*) are on e-reserve. The following books (all available in paperback editions) are worth purchasing:

Ronald Dworkin, *Law’s Empire*
John Finnis, *Natural Law and Natural Rights*, 2nd edition
Lon L. Fuller, *The Morality of Law*
Joseph Raz, *Practical Reason and Norms*

### Week 1: Organizational Meeting


### Week 2: Hart's Concept of Law


**Week 3: Hart’s Legal and Political Philosophy**


**Week 4: Dworkin vs. Hart**

*Ronald Dworkin, *Taking Rights Seriously*, chs. 2-4


**Week 5: Raz's Legal Positivism**

Joseph Raz, *Practical Reason and Norms*

**Week 6: Finnis's Natural Law Theory**

John Finnis, *Natural Law and Natural Rights*, ch. I and pp. 426-436


John Finnis, *Natural Law and Natural Rights*, chs. II, V-XII and pp. 437-476


**Week 7: Dworkin's "Law as Integrity"**

Ronald Dworkin, *Law's Empire*

**Week 8: Fuller's "Inner Morality of Law"**

Lon L. Fuller, *The Morality of Law*

*Joseph Raz, The Authority of Law, ch. 11

**Week 9: Is There an Obligation to Obey the Law?**

*M.B.E. Smith, "Is There a Prima Facie Obligation to Obey the Law?," in Yale Law Journal, Vol. 82 (1973)

*John Finnis, “Law’s Authority and Social Theory’s Predicament,” in Collected Works, Vol. IV, Philosophy of Law, ch. 2


*John Finnis, “Law as Coordination,” in Collected Works, Vol. IV, Philosophy of Law, ch. 3

**Week 10: Equality in Legal and Moral Philosophy**


**Week 11: Moral Philosophy in Legal Interpretation**


**Week 12: Punishment**

Jeremy Bentham, An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation, ch. 1, sections I and II, and chs. 13 and 14
