Economics of Civil & Criminal Law

Potential participants: Students in the Master of Science in Economics and Institutions Program; Modules “Law and Economics” and “Public Economics”

Lecturer: Tim Friehe

Time & Place: Monday 8-10 am, Am Plan 2
Tuesday 4-6 pm, Am Plan 2
First lecture: April 20, 2015

Grading: Exam at the end of the term (50%), paper presentation (35%), participation in class discussions (15%)

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 lecture is meant to convey the principles of the economic analysis of law instead of providing detailed knowledge of specific legal norms. The knowledge obtained within the lecture will enable students to assess specific legal norms in the light of their consequences and desirability.

The first part of the course will cover some core aspects of the economic analysis of law. The second part of the course consists of student paper presentations that explore selected topics in more detail by referring to relatively recent contributions to the literature.
Contents of the first part:

1. Introduction
2. Economics of tort law
3. Economics of contract law
4. Economics of litigation
5. Economics of criminal law

Selected papers for the second part sorted by topic (students may also propose papers for presentation):

**Tort:**


**Contract:**


**Litigation:**


**Crime:**


Selected books:


