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THE NORMATIVE THEORY GROUP

Research Colloquium WiSe 2017–18

Normative theory is central to all aspects of our lives. It is concerned with how we ought to evaluate, decide, and act as individuals and as institutional actors, how society ought to be evaluated and organized and how we ought to decide and act as collective agents, and even how we ought to acquire knowledge. Moral norms, legal norms, technical norms, and epistemic norms guide our everyday behaviour and interactions. Normative Theory thus crosses the disciplinary boundaries philosophy, political science, economics, and law.

As part of developing the research and teaching profile in normative theory at Universität Hamburg, four professors working on different dimensions of normative theory in philosophy, political science, law, and informatics have come together to form the Normative Theory Group.

[Prof. Dr. Matthew Braham, Practical Philosophy](#)

[Prof. Dr. Jochen Bung, Criminal Law & Philosophy of Law](#)

[Prof. Dr. Peter Niesen, Political Theory](#)

[Prof. Dr. Judith Simon, Ethics of Information Technology](#)

The aim of the group is to offer a platform for research and advanced research-driven teaching in all aspects of normative theory with a particular focus on current problems of society.

Starting in Winter Semester 2017–18, the group will be organizing a regular interdisciplinary research colloquium in which recent work in normative theory in moral and political philosophy, ethics, and law will be presented and discussed. The colloquium will be combine talks from the four professors, external guests, and reading and discussion sessions.

TARGET GROUP MA and PhD students of philosophy and MSc PEP students.

- **Philosophy (MA) students**

The colloquium can be attended as an element of the modules MA1, MA2, M3 (as an accompanying course (Begleitveranstaltung) or as a core course (Kernveranstaltung)).

Accreditation/Assessment

You will have to attend all sessions, write an essay (accompanying course) or seminar paper (core course) and give a presentation at a separate workshop session. Students who receive a place should contact Prof. Braham to indicate whether they plan to attend the colloquium as an accompanying or core course.

For further details on accreditation please consult the module structure and degree regulations:

Module structure

www.philosophie.uni-hamburg.de/philosophisches-seminar/dokumente/2015/moduluebersicht-ma-2012.pdf

Exam regulations

www.uni-hamburg.de/campuscenter/studienorganisation/ordnungen-satzungen/pruefungs-studienordnungen/unsortiert/up-fsb-u-fak-u-gw-u-ma-u-philosophie-u-20120502.pdf

www.uni-hamburg.de/campuscenter/studienorganisation/ordnungen-satzungen/pruefungs-studienordnungen/geisteswissenschaften/up-fsb-u-fak-u-gw-u-ma-u-philosophie-u-berichtigung-u-20140117.pdf

Registration

Please register via STiNE.

- **MSc PEP students**

The colloquium can be taken a philosophy elective (6 ECTS).

Accreditation/Assessment

You will have to attend all sessions, complete a 5000-word seminar paper on a topic agreed with Prof. Braham, and present the paper at a separate workshop session.

Registration

Please register by e-mail to Prof. Braham *and* via STiNE. Please note that as this is an advanced research-driven course you will have to discuss your participation and research interests in advance with Prof. Braham.

- **PhD Students**

If you are researching for a PhD in one of the Normative Theory Group disciplines and would like to attend the research colloquium, please send an e-mail to matthew.braham@uni-hamburg.de

WHEN & WHERE Tuesdays from 18:00–20:00, Room: EG17, Rechtshaus.

E-LEARNING PLATFORM An Agora page will be set up by 30 September.

FURTHER INFORMATION Prof. Dr. Matthew Braham (matthew.braham@uni-hamburg.de).