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Our new homepage is online!

We have finally launched our new homepage! The new tile design gives you a clear overview of the most important topics and is very easy to handle, whether you use a computer or a mobile device. On the homepage we provide you with important information about the different fields of the Center for International Affairs and you can choose between the German and the English languages.

Our world map is very interesting. There you find all the partner universities of our Legal Faculty, where you could study abroad. You can also find detailed information on our current foreign language course catalogue, everything you need to know about the Anglo-American Law and Language Certificate Program or the LL.M. Program and all the details on traveling abroad with the ERASMUS+ Program.

We also connected our social media profiles to the homepage because we often post upcoming events and the latest news on Facebook and Instagram. Therefore, it is also worth to follow or like us there!

You can find our new homepage under:

<https://rub.de/zfi-jura>



Meet our new student assistants!



In autumn 2020 we, the Center for International Affairs (Zfi) welcomed two new student assistants, Kara Schwarz and Sophie Sandmeier into our team!

Ms. Schwarz started studying law at the RUB in the winter semester 2018/19 and worked at a law firm for two years, before she joined the Zfi. Ms. Sandmeier took up her studies in law one year later in the winter semester 2019/20 and began working as a student assistant in her third semester.

Since the beginning both were really interested in integrating international aspects and foreign languages into their studies. Therefore, they both decided to participate in the Anglo-American Law and Language Certificate Program to familiarize themselves with English legal terms and the American legal system. They also plan on going abroad themselves sometime during their studies for a semester or an internship.

At the Center for International Affairs Kara and Sophie primarily assist students with general questions regarding foreign language courses or stays abroad. They also contribute to the administrative work of the Center. They also manage our Instagram and Facebook accounts.

Additionally, Ms. Schwarz is the newest member of the committee for the LL.M. Program and Ms. Sandmeier joined the committee for the Certificate Program. Participating in the respective committee work involves the new assistants in the everyday work of the Center.

So far they both really enjoy their work at the Center for International Affairs and are keen on getting to know more students during their work. You can find them in GD 1/131 or write them an e-mail at zfi-jura@rub.de.

ERASMUS video campaign

Going abroad to study or complete an internship in a foreign country demands a lot of planning and organizing in advance. Where will you stay? How much does it cost and how will you finance it? How do you get in contact with a foreign university or company for your internship? All of these questions can be quite overwhelming at the beginning.

Therefore, our very own Kara Schwarz and Sophie Sandmeier, created three short videos about going abroad during your law studies. The videos will give you a brief overview about the individual partner universities of our Legal Faculty, different financing options, detailed information on how to apply for certain funding programs like ERASMUS+ or Promos, and much more. The first video will give you an insight into the benefits of staying abroad in general, the second video explains everything important about traveling abroad with the ERASMUS+ Program and the third video deals with international stays abroad outside of the European Union.

You can find all three videos on our new homepage under:

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Number of graduates is as high as ever!



Certainly, the Covid-19 pandemic has had, or is still having, an impact on our daily lives as well as the way we teach and study at the Ruhr University. While this is also true for the certificate program, the program is as popular as ever with our students. The number of graduates has remained high for the last two semesters, showing that our students continue to be eager to learn, despite all the difficulties the Covid-19 situation is causing. This is also supported by the number of graduates: 66 students have successfully completed the program so far. 92 students are currently participating in the program.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students who have successfully completed the program and wish our students who are about to take their final exams all the best!

For all students who are not yet in the certificate program: It is worthwhile to achieve this extra qualification and to profit from this professionally for a lifetime. Your future employers will see it that way, too!

Data Protection Law

Interested? You should be!



In the upcoming summer semester 2021, Dr. Hannah Ruschemeier will be teaching a new English-language legal course on "Data Protection Law - A comparative perspective with a focus on new technologies".

Since the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was implemented in 2018 data protection has been a "Bestseller" in international and labour law. It is a big part of our daily lives and concerns us everywhere we go. Its implications are highly relevant in a society which is shaped by online communication, big data analyses and monopolies of social-media platforms.

The upcoming course will examine the history, principles, and constitutional aspects of Data Protection, emphasizing the impact of new technologies such as Artificial Intelligence. Besides the European approach of the GDPR towards privacy, the course will explore the international comprehension of Data Protection as well as the different national legal strategies from a comparative point of view.

The aim of the course is to combine theoretical legal aspects with the practical impacts of Data Protection.

Dr. Ruschemeier is a research fellow in charge of the project "AI in State and Public Administration" at the Center for Advanced Internet Studies in Bochum and a postdoc researcher at the German University for Administrative Sciences in Speyer. The course on data protection law will be her second course here at the RUB, following the course on artificial intelligence, that she taught last semester.

The course will be taught via Zoom on Tuesday from 10 am until noon starting April 20, 2021. If you are interested in participating, you can register for the course through eCampus until April 15, 2021 at midnight.

How does the Program work?

The certificate program consists of eight courses, three of which are required courses ("core courses") and five others, which every student can select themselves ("elective courses"). In order to pass the core courses students will have to write a written exam, while the elective courses can be passed without an exam.

The core courses are:

- **Introduction to American Law**
- **U.S. Constitutional Law I: State and Governance**
- **U.S. Constitutional Law II: Fundamental Rights**

The elective courses can be chosen from the entire course catalogue which contains courses like U.S. Contract Law, U.S. Intellectual Property Law, International Dispute Settlement, or International Dimensions of Law.

The program ends with a final exam that consists of an oral and a written exam.

The certificate program is a great way for every student to set themselves apart from the crowd and gain additional qualifications; especially in a professional environment that will only become more international in the future. If you are interested, you may register anytime with the registration form on our website!

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It is possible to study abroad with ERASMUS

Our ERASMUS partner universities are as determined as we are to enable students to have a successful exchange despite Corona. Thus, in the next academic year 2021/22, 16 students of our faculty will spend (at least) one semester abroad. In accordance with the respective regional restrictions, all ERASMUS students will have the opportunity to get to know the culture of their host country and gain valuable experience by studying abroad. In some partner countries it is (again) possible to study on site in person. In others, online or hybrid models offer students courses, while they are at the respective country. If you are interested in exploring a new country and wish to face the challenges and earn the rewards that such a study abroad experience has to offer, you may still apply for one of our remaining spots. At <https://juraweb.zrs.rub.de/auslandsstudium> – as usual – all partnerships of our faculty are listed. Take a look and get in touch with us so we can help you profit from an ERASMUS semester.

Do you want to know what Tartu is like?



week they also offered a city tour and pub crawl, where you also met a lot of local students.

A few weeks before the start of the semester, you will receive the course catalogue with a large selection of English-language courses. This was a good orientation for filling out the learning agreement and finding interesting courses.

Concerning the living situation, there are two dormitories, that are very centrally located. One of them consists of shared rooms, while the other one is a private dormitory with single mini-apartments directly across the street. It is convenient to live there and very nice to have all your new friends on the same floor.

I can only highly recommend everyone to do an Erasmus semester. For me, Tartu was perfect because I did not have to fly far and still experienced so many new things.

And a personal tip for all outgoing students:

Take one of the pre-courses that are offered the weeks before the start of the semester. They are free of charge and deal with the basics of the language and the regional studies. Additionally, many first friendships have already been made there."

Want more? - <https://zfi-jura.blogs.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/>

"On the one hand, Tartu is big enough that you do not get bored, but on the other hand, it is small enough that you feel like a local after a week. Besides, Tartu is a real student city with lots of wonderful places to explore!

In the first few days, an introductory week was offered in which I already met many new people. The university is very eager to integrate all of the new students. During the first



A Recent Partner: The University of Tartu



Our faculty has an ERASMUS partnership with the University of Tartu. Estonia's second largest city is a student city with a lively pub and restaurant scene. Many students come together to enjoy the cultural life in addition to the university events. Life in Tartu is affordable, and the monthly ERASMUS scholarship provides for a comfortable lifestyle. In addition to the many wonderful sights, the Faculty of Law offers legal courses e.g., in the field of International Law and Human Rights Law. For a personal recount of studying in Tartu, please read "Do you want to know what Tartu is like?" If you are interested in studying at this historic and prestigious university, feel free to contact us with your questions.

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English-Language Course Catalogue Summer Term 2021

Title of the Course	Name of the Professor	Course ID Number	Mode	Day	Time	Registration Deadline
Introduction to American Law	Dr. Beke-Martos	Nr. 060300	Online Audio Course	Wednesday	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	15.04.2021 23:59
US Constitutional Law II: Fundamental Rights	Dr. Beke-Martos	Nr. 060301	Online Audio Course	Wednesday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	15.04.2021 23:59
Interpreting the Founding Documents of the United States	Dr. Beke-Martos	Nr. 060311	Online Audio Course	02.-06.08.21	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	29.07.2021 23:59
Introduction to International Dispute Settlement	Herr Wuschka	Nr. 060303	Zoom Video Course	Tuesday	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	15.04.2021 23:59
Analytical Legal Philosophy	Prof. Dr. Magen	Nr. 060006	Zoom Video Course	Monday	8.15 – 9.45 a.m.	
Evil: Perspectives from Moral and Legal Philosophy and Moral Psychology	Dr. Prochownik	Nr. 060125	Zoom Video Course	Tuesday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	05.04.2021 23:59
An Introduction to Comparative Constitutional Law	Dr. Oliveira de Sousa	Nr. 060305	Zoom Video Course	Thursday	10 a.m. – noon	15.04.2021 23:59
Law, Democracy and Disagreement	Dr. Oliveira de Sousa	Nr. 060317	Zoom Video Course	Thursday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	15.04.2021 23:59
International Dimensions of Law	Dr. Thiede	Nr. 060307	Podcasts	Friday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	15.04.2021 23:59
U.S. Intellectual Property Law	Benjamin M. Hanrahan, Esq.	Nr. 060306	Zoom Video Course	Monday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	15.04.2021 23:59
Data Protection Law – A comparative perspective emphasizing new technologies	Dr. Ruschemeier	Nr. 060315	Zoom Video Course	Tuesday	10 a.m. – noon	15.04.2021 23:59
International Legal Dialogue	Prof. Windel	Nr. 060173	Online Course	each 2nd Thursday	5.15 – 6.45 p.m.	

Registration is open in eCampus!

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