

LAW & PHILOSOPHY WORKSHOP, 2020-21

Topic: Recent Work in General Jurisprudence

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Workshop Requirements: (1) attendance at all sessions of the Workshop (visitor sessions are from 4-6 pm); all enrolled students will attend a one hour preparatory session a week prior to the visit of most outside speakers; (2) a paper of 20-25 pages on a topic approved by the instructors and related to themes from the Workshop. JD students seeking substantial writing credit should consult Prof. Leiter about the additional work needed for that.

Description: The Workshop will expose students to work in “general jurisprudence” from roughly the last five years, including some new and forthcoming work. General jurisprudence is that part of philosophy of law concerned with the central questions about the nature of law, the relationship between law and morality, and the nature of legal reasoning.

Students who have taken Leiter’s “Jurisprudence I” course at the law school are welcome to enroll. Students who have *not* taken Jurisprudence I must contact the instructor with information about their prior study of legal philosophy. Detailed familiarity with Hart’s *The Concept of Law* and Dworkin’s criticisms of Hart is essential.

Sessions marked with an * are for enrolled students only.

***September 28, 2020, 4-5:30 pm:** Review of the Hart-Dworkin debate. (This presupposes that students have read Hart’s *The Concept of Law*, Chapters 1-7, and Dworkin’s “The Model of Rules I & II,” plus *Law’s Empire*, Chapter 6.)

***October 12, 2020, 4-5 pm:** preparatory session for Sachs visit (Etchemendy).

October 19, 2020, 4-6 pm: Stephen Sachs (Duke, Law), “Finding the Law,” 107 *California Law Review* 527 (2019).

***November 2, 2020, 4-5 pm:** preparatory session for Plunkett visit (Leiter).

November 9, 2020, 4-6 pm: David Plunkett (Dartmouth, Philosophy), “Law, Morality and Everything Else: General Jurisprudence as a Branch of Meta-Normative Inquiry,” 128 *Ethics* 37 (2017) (co-authored with Shapiro).

***January 11, 2020: 4-5 pm:** preparatory session for Atiq visit (TBA).

January 25, 2020, 4-6 pm: Emad Atiq (Cornell, Law & Philosophy), “Moral Laws and the Concept of Law” (unpublished).

***February 1, 2021, 4-5 pm:** preparatory session for Dickson visit (Leiter)

February 8, 2021, 4-6 pm: Julie Dickson (Oxford, Law), excerpts from her forthcoming OUP book on jurisprudential methodology.

***April 12, 2021, 4-5 pm:** preparatory session for Etchemendy (Leiter).

April 19, 2021, 4-6 pm: Max Etchemendy (Vinson & Elkins), [title TBA]

***May 3, 2021, 4-5 pm:** preparatory session for Toh visit (Etchemendy).

May 10, 2021, 4-6 pm: Kevin Toh (University College London, Law), “Law, Morality, Art, The Works,” from L. Burazin et al. (eds.), *Law as Artifact* (Oxford University Press, 2019).

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Learning outcomes

- *Be familiar with the general approaches to the study of law and legal reasoning.
- *Demonstrate the ability to identify and understand key concepts in substantive law, legal theory, and procedure.
- *Demonstrate an understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of law and the contributions that other disciplines can make to the study of law.