

Seminar

Comparative Constitutional Law

– sign-up, plenary sessions, papers, presentations –

I. Focus and Structure of the Seminar

The seminar on comparative constitutional law deals with constitutions all over the world. We analyze the particularities of state structure, the separation of powers, judicial control and the guarantees of fundamental rights.

The seminar builds on the lectures on Swiss constitutional law held in the first to fourth semesters. We will have four plenary sessions at the beginning of the semester and one or two presentation days at the end of the semester. During the semester you will have time to work on your seminar paper. A detailed schedule will be posted in the fall.

II. Your contribution to the Seminar

You will attend the four plenary sessions, choose a topic and then work on your seminar paper. On the day of the presentation, you will give a short (10-minute) talk about your work and then lead the participants in a discussion on the topic. Your participation in the discussion of the other participants' topics will also be graded. All presentations and discussions will be held in English. Presentations can be given in English, French, or German.

III. Sign-up

Please send your registration to Sabrina Camenzind (sabrina.camenzind@unibe.ch) ~~by January 7th, 2023 at the latest.~~ *Update: There are still seats available. You can register until February 15th.*

The course is open to Master's and Bachelor's students from all degree programs. You can participate in the plenary sessions without writing a paper. In this case, however, you will not take part in the presentation day and will not receive any grades or credits.

IV. Sample Topics and Formal Requirements

A list of sample topics and a brief outline of formal requirements will be posted in the fall.