**Master program:**

**Ethics – Economics, Law and Politics**

**Ruhr Universität Bochum**

**Research Seminar: The right to govern and the duty to obey: New approaches to political legitimacy**

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**Description of the research seminar**:

The long dominant „moralistic“ conception of legitimacy is being challenged by a „realist“ conception of legitimacy. While “moralistic” conceptions see a necessary link between moral and political philosophy, “the realists” insist on the autonomy of the political realm and its normative principles. The seminar will be organized as intensive reading and discussion of the new „realist“ approach to political legitimacy and its implications for the crisis of democracy, especially on the EU level. Two guest lecturers have been invited to the workshop dhr. dr. E. (Enzo) Rossi, University of Amsterdam and Professor Richard Bellamy, The European University in Florence. The students will learn how to distinguish and critically assess the two proposed approaches to legitimacy and recognize their implications for governing relations and acts of governing authorities.

**Requirements and grading**:

In class discussion: 30%

Final paper 70%

**Preliminary literature**:

Beetham, David (1991): The Legitimation of Power, Houndmills: Macmillan

Bellamy, Richard (2013): “‘An Ever Closer Union Among the Peoples of Europe’: Republican Intergovernmentalism and Demoicratic Representation within the EU”, *Journal of European Integration*, 35 (5): 499-516

Bellamy, Richard (2016): Between Cosmopolis and Community: Justice and Legitimacy in a European Union of Peoples in: S. Tierney (ed), Nationalism and Globalisation: New Settings, New Challenges, Hart Publishing: 207-232. Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=2725452

Bellamy, Richard/Kroger Sandra (2017): “A demoicratic justification of differentiated integration in a heterogeneous EU”, *Journal of European Integration*, published on-line 25. May 2017.

Estlund, David (2007): Democratic Authority: a philosophical framwork, Princeton University Press.

Galston, William A. (2010): “Realism in political theory”, *European Journal of Political Theory*, 9 (4): 385-4.

Pettit, Philip (2017): “Realism meets civic republicanism”, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy,* published on-line 3. March 2017.

Rawls, John (1996): Political Liberalism (second edition), Columbia University Press.

Rawls, John (1999): „The Idea of Public Reason Revisited“, in: The Law of Peoples, Harvard University Press.

Rawls, John (1999): A Theory of Justice, Harvard University Press.

Rossi, Enzo (2012): „Justice, Legitimacy and (normative) authority for political realists“, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 15 (2): 149-64

Rossi, Enzo/Sleat, Matt (2014) „Realism in Normative Political Theory“, *Philosophy Compass*, 9/10: 689-701.

Simmons, John (2001): Justification and Legitimacy, Cambridge University Press.

Urbinati, Nadia (2006). Representative Democracy. Principles and Genealogy. University of Chicago Press.

Williams, Bernard (2007): In the Begining was the Deed: Realism and Moralism in Political Argument, Princeton University Press.

Note: A more detailed course plan will be presented before the beginning of the program.