

LAW AND POLITICS (465) • Founded: 1963

Members of the seminar investigate the legal, political, and institutional aspects of society both as they function and as they should function according to theory. The investigation is both global and timeless, although European and American interests seem to dominate. Lectures and discussions range from classical Greece, Rome, and Israel, through medieval Europe, Islam, and Asia, to modern and contemporary societies. Aspects of Roman, Talmudic, Islamic, canon and common laws are examined. The majority of the lectures are presented by the members of the seminar, most of whom are academics in history, political science or law, or professionals who have become editors. One or two papers each year are presented by visiting scholars.

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2024-2025 MEETINGS

- September 24 *Murder in Berlin: A Serial Killer in Hitler's Germany and the Coming of the Holocaust*
Benjamin Hett, Hunter College (CUNY)
- October 22 *Legislating Morality: The Mann Act and the Campaign to End Sex Trafficking in Twentieth Century America*
Nancy Unger, Santa Clara University
- February 18 Joint meeting with (445) *Judgment at Tokyo: The War Crimes Trials of the Japanese Military Leadership, 1946-1948*
Gary Bass, Princeton University
- March 25 Joint meeting with (445) and (429) *By Order of the President: FDR and the Internment of Japanese Americans*
Greg Robinson, University of Quebec at Montreal (Canada)
Discussant: **Michael Salgarolo**, New York University
- April 15 Joint meeting with (497) *Crime and Punishment in the USSR: How the Mass Media Promoted Legal Awareness among Soviet Citizens*
Rhiannon Dowling, Lehman College (CUNY)
- April 28 Joint meeting with (491) *Sexual Violence and Slavery: The Making of Rape Culture in the American South*
Shannon Eaves, College of Charleston

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