



## *International Constitutional Law*

### *Constitutionally Conforming Interpretation – Critical Analysis*

*Summer term 2025*

My yearly taught “Icon” seminar addresses theoretical perspectives on the growing interest in constitutions and constitutional law in domestic, international, and global contexts. International Constitutional Law is an emerging discipline. It focuses on basic ideas relating to justice (such as human rights), procedural fairness and participation (e.g. democracy) and the rule of law as they relate to institutional practices in and beyond the state. We discuss the current research of constitutional theorists from several jurisdictions who increasingly engage in global discourse. This discourse is visible, for example, in relatively new journals like International Constitutional Law (OUP) and Global Constitutionalism (CUP).

In the summer term of 2025, the topic is the legal method of constitutionally conforming interpretation. More specifically, we will discuss the chapters of an edited volume that is going to be published later this year with Hart Publishing, Oxford. After the first volume of that research project, which published 2023 and consisted of national reports from all over the world, we now will focus on critical analysis. Is there a duty to save a statute from invalidity? How does the CCI canon work in international human rights law systems, and in EU law? Is CCI a legitimate argument or illegitimate norm control in disguise?

### *Learning Method*

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The seminar will follow a reading club style: We engage with original research texts, which are pre-read by all participants and then discussed based on short oral presentations by the participants. We will be joined by students from the University of Frankfurt, thus adding more international flair and expertise to our seminar.

### *Curriculum/ECTS Credits*

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Diploma Programme Law: assigned to the specialisation focus areas „Demokratie, Staat, Politik“ and „Öffentliches Recht & Public Governance“, 5 credits; Doctoral Programme Law: 5 credits; Master Programme Law, Business, Economics and Society: assigned to the specialisation focus areas „Demokratie, Staat, Politik“ and „Öffentliches Recht & Public Governance“, 5 credits.  
International exchange students are particularly encouraged to join us!

### *Assessment*

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Short oral presentation and short written essay

### *Participation and Venue*

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There are limited places available (max. 15 for KFU students; max. 5 for Frankfurt students). Registration in UGO is required. Topics will be assigned after the first session: Monday, 10.03.2025, 16:30-18:00, VC-



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Room RESOWI G1. The venue is Schloss Seggau near Graz: Thursday, 08.05.2025, 09:00 until Friday, 09.05.2025, 17:00. Detailed information regarding accommodation, costs, and the seminar's structure will be given in the first session.

### *Literature*

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It will be announced in the first session and distributed via Moodle.