This seminar will consider a range of issues in philosophy of law with particular emphasis on various dimensions of the relationship between law and morality. **Course Requirements:** Students are required to read each week's assignments carefully and participate regularly in class discussions. Each student must make a presentation to the seminar. Two writing options are available: (1) a research paper or (2) two shorter, critical essays. Readings are drawn mainly from contemporary legal philosophers working within the tradition of analytic jurisprudence. Those readings marked with an asterisk (*) are on E-Reserves. The following books (all available in paperback editions) are worth purchasing:

Ronald Dworkin, *Law’s Empire*
John Finnis, *Natural Law and Natural Rights* (2nd edition)
-------------, *Philosophy of Law* (in Collected Essays, Vol. IV)
Lon L. Fuller, *The Morality of Law*
Joseph Raz, *Practical Reason and Norms*

**Week 1: Organizational Meeting**

John Finnis, *Philosophy of Law*, ch. 5 (“A Grand Tour of Legal Theory”)

**Week 2: Hart's Concept of Law**


**Week 3: Hart’s Legal and Political Philosophy**


John Finnis, *Philosophy of Law*, chs. 10 and 11

**Week 4: Dworkin vs. Hart**

*Ronald Dworkin, *Taking Rights Seriously*, chs. 2-4


**Week 5: Raz's Legal Positivism**

*Joseph Raz, *The Authority of Law*, chs. 3 and 9

Joseph Raz, *Practical Reason and Norms*

John Finnis, *Natural Law and Natural Rights*, ch. I and pp. 426-436

**Week 6: Finnis's Natural Law Theory**

*John Finnis, “Foundations of Practical Reason Revisited”*

John Finnis, *Natural Law and Natural Rights*, chs. II, V-XII and pp. 437-476


**Week 7: Unger on the “Critical Legal Studies” Movement**

*Roberto M. Unger, *The Critical Legal Studies Movement*

John Finnis, *Philosophy of Law*, ch. 13

**Week 8: Dworkin's "Law as Integrity"**

Ronald Dworkin, *Law's Empire*

John Finnis, *Philosophy of Law*, ch. 12

**Week 9: Fuller's "Inner Morality of Law"**

Lon L. Fuller, *The Morality of Law*


*Joseph Raz, *The Authority of Law*, ch. 11

**Week 10: Is There an Obligation to Obey the Law?**

*M.B.E. Smith, "Is There a Prima Facie Obligation to Obey the Law?," in *Yale Law Journal*, Vol. 82 (1973)*

John Finnis, *Philosophy of Law*, ch. 2

John Finnis, Philosophy of Law, ch. 3

**Week 11: Moral Philosophy in Legal Interpretation**


**Week 12: “Legal Positivism” and “Natural Law” Revisited**

*Jules Coleman and Brian Leiter, “Legal Positivism” in Dennis Patterson (ed.), A Companion to Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory

John Finnis, Philosophy of Law, ch. 1