

Course Name	Law and Economics II		
Semester, Year	First Semester, 2019	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	3000	Course Number	027014
Instructor(s) (Institution)	Branislav HAZUCHA 大学院法学研究科		
Course Objectives	This course introduces participants to public choice theory and its implications for legal studies. It presents the public choice theory's insights on the conduct of main stakeholders, such as members of legislatures, judges, public defenders, bureaucrats and interest groups. It applies those insights to several branches of laws, such as constitutional, environmental and family law.		
Course Goals	The course goal is to provide participants with nonconventional insights into the operation of public law, which are allowed by the law-and-economics analysis, especially public choice theory. The participants will learn about the application of law-and-economics analysis on the operation of public law with the focus on the organization of legislation, judiciary, bureaucracy and interests groups, and on its impact on the adoption, interpretation and application of law. They will also be provided with examples of applying public choice theory on specific legal controversies faced by individual branches of public and private law.		
Course Schedule	<p>Lectures will proceed in the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guidance 2. Collective Decision Making 3. Voting 4. Special interest groups 5. Rent-Seeking 6. Social Choice 7. Legislature I 8. Legislature II 9. Legislature III 10. Bureaucrats I 11. Bureaucrats II 12. Bureaucrats III 13. Political economics of judiciary 14. Judges and legislation 15. Analysis of special cases <p>Lectures will be held in English with presentation slides available in Japanese.</p>		
Homework	It is necessary to read assigned texts as pre-class preparation. In addition, participants are expected as part of post-class revision to deepen their understanding by comparing law-and-economics approaches presented during classes with traditional approaches to studied legal problems.		
Grading System	The overall assessment will be made upon attendance (10%), multiple mini-reports submitted during the course (40%) and the final report (50%). English or Japanese can be used.		
Textbooks / Reading List	<p>法と経済学—新しい知的テリトリー[第2版] 林田清明 信山社 2002 Public Choice Concepts and Applications in Law Maxwell L. Stearns,? Todd J. Zywicki West Academic 2009 「法と経済学」による公共政策分析 常木淳 岩波書店 2012 エコノリーガル・スタディーズのすすめ--社会を見通す法学と経済学の複眼思考 柳川隆・高橋裕・大内伸哉 編 2014</p>		
Websites	http://lex.juris.hokudai.ac.jp/~bhazucha/law-economics-ii-jp.html http://lex.juris.hokudai.ac.jp/~bhazucha/law-economics-ii.html		
Website of Laboratory			
Additional Information			