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Masterclass with Professor Dr. Armin von Bogdandy

The New Path of EU law in Light of Current Geopolitical and Internal Cleavages

5 – 7 May 2025 – Humboldt University School of Law

The Master Class will deepen the understanding of the current transformation of EU constitutional law in light of the geopolitical and internal cleavages of our time. It will do so in three steps.

First, it will conceptualize the new European constitutionalism that reacts to those cleavages. It will frame them as the transformation of a functional constitutionalism into a principled one. It will then reconstruct this transformation as responding to political decisions taken with the Lisbon Treaty, decisions still understudied. That will provide a deeper understanding of the first 19 articles of the Treaty on European Union.

Second, the class will deepen one particular innovation brought by the Lisbon Treaty, one also largely overlooked. That innovation is the stipulation of European society by Article 2 TEU. This concept allows a new narrative of European integration, of what has been achieved in 70 years of EU integration. The concept also frames the current European situation in a new light, both for current geopolitical conflicts and the internal European cleavages with respect to migration, solidarity, and democracy.

Third, the class will frame the innovations in class 1 and 2 in the tradition of republican political thought. The Ventotene tradition is well alive and kicking. This will help understand where the Union stands, where it is going, and how EU studies should be reimagined.

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centers on the structural changes affecting public law, be they theoretical, doctrinal, or practical.

When?	5-7 pm on Monday, 5; Tuesday, 6; and Wednesday 7, May 2025
Where?	Balcony Hall, Humboldt University School of Law
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