

## Comparative Constitutional Law

<i>Professor:</i>	Alexander H. E. Morawa, S.J.D.
<i>Course Type:</i>	Seminar/Workshop
<i>Course Description:</i>	<p>This course consists of three elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) a “preparatory session” – one half day – featuring an introduction to the growing transnational “dialogue” between different supreme and constitutional courts when interpreting constitutional principles.</li><li>(b) attending the international conference “The Legitimacy of Constitutional Courts and the Influence of Comparative and International Law” (organized jointly by the University of Lucerne School of Law and Bilkent University School of Law (Ankara, Turkey)) on September 23 and 24, 2010 in Lucerne, and</li><li>(c) a scholarly paper on a related topic to be handed in by the end of the exam period in January 2011.</li></ul> <p>After a half-day introductory workshop (first week of classes, exact date and time to be announced) students will attend (as observers) an international conference with high-caliber experts on comparative constitutional law from Turkey, Switzerland, and the USA. The conference focuses on the role of constitutional courts at times of transition, the specific importance of comparative constitutional law for national legal interpretation, and the influence of international law on national constitutional developments, in particular in the context of EU affiliation and/or accession.</p> <p>For the remainder of the semester, students will work on individual papers or projects; final products are due by the end of the exam period in January 2011.</p>
<i>Prerequisites:</i>	-
<i>Course Objectives:</i>	To understand and be able to apply comparative constitutional methodology; to read and interpret high court judgments in their own and the international context; to “think out of the box” of domestic lawyering; to critically evaluate the ongoing transnational “judicial dialogue”, and to develop a basic understanding of the constitutional system of the largest state seeking membership in the European Union at the moment, Turkey.
<i>Weekly Hours:</i>	Block Seminar, Conference (3 days)
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Examination Mode / Credits:</i>	Workshop participation, conference attendance, and paper / 6
<i>Registration:</i>	By e-mail to: <a href="mailto:uta.dietrich@unilu.ch">uta.dietrich@unilu.ch</a>
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<i>Information:</i>	
<i>Guest Students:</i>	welcome

### Literature

#### 1. What's indispensable?

Reader;  
Conference materials.