

## Contemporary Issues of U.S. Constitutional Law

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Disputes involving the reach of executive power, judicial independence, the inner workings of the Senate, federalism, and human rights protection have mired the first months of the Trump Presidency and triggered an intense national and international debate about fundamental aspects of the U.S. Constitution. Adeno Addis, a distinguished constitutional scholar from Tulane Law School in New Orleans/Louisiana, will be co-teaching with Professor Fedtke a short course covering some of these issues during a visit to Passau in November and December 2017. The aim is to discuss key questions of contemporary American constitutionalism and to identify, wherever possible, current trends in the development of the country's constitutional infrastructure.

November 24	Introduction (Jörg Fedtke) 10:00 – 12:00 (ITZ) SR 001
November 27	USSC - Appointment/Confirmation Process; Senate Rules/Filibuster 16:00 – 18:00 (JUR) SR 154
November 30	Election Law: Political Gerrymandering ( <i>Gill v. Whitford</i> ) 14:00-16:00 (JUR) HS 14
December 1	U.S. and German Federalism Compared 10:00 – 12:00 (ITZ) SR 001
December 7	General lecture/talk about developments in the U.S. (public event) 14:00 – 16:00 (JUR) HS 14
December 8	POTUS - Executive Orders 10:00 – 12:00 (ITZ) SR 004
December 14	Conclusions (Jörg Fedtke) 14:00 – 16:00 (JUR) HS 14
December 18	Exam 18:00 (JUR) HS 14

Reading assignments will be made available via StudIP. This course is part of CECIL and earns credit towards the Pflichtfremdsprachenschein (§ 24 Abs. 2 JAPO).

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