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„The Rules“

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Credits and Grading

- Credits: minimal grade required to receive credit points is 4.0*
 - Submission of a written comment and preparation of a presentation (+/- Bonus/Malus)
- Deadline: 23.59, Wednesday one week prior to the presentation date
 - Email to lst.heinemann@rwi.uzh.ch (you'll receive a confirmation of receipt)
 - Special rules for papers A - D to allow sufficient time to write comment and presentation
- Grading: Comment/Presentation
 - Comment (75%) and presentation slides (25%) Marks 1-6, 0.25-steps
 - Oral presentation is not graded, but attendance is compulsory on the date of own subject
- Grading: Bonus/Malus for attendance
 - 11-14 (80-100%) = Grade +0.20
 - 5-10 (35-70%) = No consequences
 - 1-4 (10-30%) = Grade -0.20
 - Control: Weekly attendance list
 - Late hand-in of papers = fail
 - Absent on day of presentation = fail (Internships will not be treated in a privileged way)

* Papers with a grade below 4.0 (*not including* a potential Bonus) can be improved and readmitted to reach a maximum grade of 4.0.

Material requirements for the comment

- **No summary of commented paper**
- **Consultation of some further academic literature (see references to literature/links on the website)**
- Concentration of comment on one or two core themes
- Constructive criticism on points requiring further-reaching analysis
- Application of the idea or theory developed by the author on a related question
- Development of an enhancement or a supplement to the analysis
- Analysis of weak points and strengths of the paper and/or suggestions for improvement

Formal requirements for the comment

- **Scientific work (includes the proper use of references, particularly scientific Journals)**
 - Page and chapter indications refer to books
 - Only references used in the text are to be quoted in the bibliography
- **Approx. 1'500-2'000 words for Bachelor students, Approx. 2'500-3'000 words for Master students (papers not fulfilling this requirement will be refused for readmittance)**
- Comparative reasoning
- Language: English
- Focus on a selection of arguments
- Semantics:
 - Don't use open questions: „Can this assumptions be made?“
 - Don't use empty phrases: „Only the future will tell...“

Requirements for the Presentations

- **Short summary of the paper**
- **Use a maximum of 8-10 slides (incl. cover sheet & questions)**
- **Formal requirements: Powerpoint, approx. 10-15 minutes**
- Visualise messages through graphics and images
- Explain the key issues of the article: What are the authors' messages?
- Comment on the authors' methods
- Explain the used key ideas
- If necessary, introduce referred articles or information
- **Two questions for the discussion of your presentation (use the topics you discuss in your written comment)**

Topics

- **Given topics of papers**

- Property law
- Tort and insurance law
- Contract law
- Criminal law and law enforcement
- Intellectual property law
- Business law
- Competition law
- Public Choice / Political Economics
- Procedural law
- Environmental law

- **Option: free choice of a paper => Suggestions are welcome!**