

LEx Doctoral Course

The Economics of Lawmaking **by Francesco Parisi (University of Minnesota)**

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Location and Schedule

The course will take place in University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law (Oudemanhuispoort 4-6, 1012 CN Amsterdam, The Netherlands).

For up-to-date information on location, schedule please refer to lex.acle.nl

Topic

This course uses the methods of law and economics to examine alternative sources of law and to provide some insights for the institutional theory of lawmaking. The course will examine four different methods of lawmaking, described respectively as: (1) lawmaking through legislation (codified law); (2) lawmaking through adjudication (judge-made law); (3) lawmaking through practice (customary law); and (4) lawmaking through agreement (treaty law). The readings and class analysis aim at providing insight on the relative advantages and the respective limits of these alternative sources of law. We will consider some characterizing features of these lawmaking techniques and examine them with the aid of the formal methods of economic analysis and public choice theory. The readings will shed new light on the important issue of the institutional design of lawmaking, emphasizing the respective advantages and proper scope of application of legislation, judge-made law, customary law, and treaty law in the creation of a legal order.

Course material will be posted on to lex.acle.nl.

Registration

The course is open to graduate students and faculty, with a maximum of 15 participants. To register (free of charge) send an email to acle@uva.nl with your contact information, field of research and affiliation.

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