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Language, Power and Law: From Linguistics to Legal Reasoning



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Abstract

Law and language are connected in many ways. Firstly, language is the vehicle of law: it is crucial to make legal tenets known to society. However, language often embeds biases that could distort the purpose of law. For example, when an authority terms its own decision as “objective” or “based on reality”, it is actually dismissing any diverging position. Also, when legal reasoning becomes wordy and convoluted, it creates difficulties for citizens and even lawyers to understand a ruling...

A second perspective concerns individual speech and language as an object of regulation, in particular by state authorities. How do the authorities influence the choice and use of a language by its speakers? Are there limits to state intervention in a language?

The seminar will address these and other related topics.

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