Constitutional Interpretation and/or Jurisprudence Seminar
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Book List:


First Day Assignment

A warm welcome to all of the participants in the seminar! We will have three orientation sessions at the beginning of the semester:

1. Monday, 21 August, 3:00 pm to 4.30
2. Wednesday, 23 August, 11:00 am to 12.30
3. Wednesday, 6 Sep, 11:00 am to 1:00

At the third and last of these sessions I will be asking each of you to make a five-minute presentation on your proposed research. It’s well, then, to think hard right at the outset of the semester about what you’d like to take up as a topic of research. During the first two sessions, I will present an overview of material on “constitutional interpretation”. After these three sessions, the seminar reverts to “supervised independent research” with one-on-one meetings with me.

For the first session, please read as an introduction chapters 1-3 in Ely’s *Democracy and Distrust* (pp. 1-72). For the second session you should have read the Foreword and chapter 1 (pp. 1-59) in the book by Ronald Dworkin, *Freedom’s Law*.

In addition, it would be well if you browsed a bit in the reader, *Modern Constitutional Theory*. The reader offers you a wide range of topics along with up-to-date bibliography.

*Note on “Jurisprudence”: Most students will be writing on topics falling within the rubric of constitutional interpretation. Those students who have already decided, however, to write instead in the field of jurisprudence or legal philosophy should see me regarding their topic.*

I look forward to our initial session and to seeing you there!

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