

## Department of Legal Theory

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### Other members of the department

Prof. Dr. Péter Takács CSc, full professor, dr. Edit Vigh temporary lecturer

### Research capacity

- number of full-time lecturers: 3
  - holding PhD: 3
- number of PhD students: 1

### Scientific activities

Our main profile falls within the area of state and legal theory, as we teach it first as a so called preparatory course, such as law sociology, and finally as a synthetic law concept (analysis of relations of the positive legal law layer, natural law and historical-sociological elements). The department has research competences in the fields of state- and legal sciences, social theory, legal theory, constitutional law and sociology of law. Further research topics are the criteria of critical sociological cognition, the principles underlying the constitution and conception of formal-material constitution in the Italian constitutional law, and changes in the definition of sovereignty because of the effects of globalization and regionalization. During the teaching of philosophy and ethics the department realizes the integration of scientific research and education. Our department endeavours to build up such a thematic structure of courses, which gives opportunity to harmonize the validity demands of philosophy and science. Explanation of basic legal problems (law, and definitions of state and politics) and the basics of natural law that are necessary for future studies.

### Main research fields

1. Criteria of critical sociological cognition
2. Principles underlying the constitution and conception of formal-material constitution in the Italian constitutional law
3. Changes in the definition of sovereignty in terms of the effects of globalization and regionalization
4. Society theory, state theory, political philosophy, law philosophy
5. Changes of the modern state - historical perspectives and the reflections on the challenges of the contemporary problems
6. Transmogrification of the Hungarian electoral system - from 1989/1990 to 2011/2013 - as a comparative lookout