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## Is Global Law Universal?

This seminar will address the issue faced by legal science itself in front of the current normative globalization. It is now common to consider that "global law" is "without borders", covering in a universal way a given specific field of human activity. Mikhail Xifaras will critically analyze the contemporary discourse about this supposedly "global" law. Examining the necessity for analytical jurisprudence itself to take into account the impact of globalization on law, our guest speaker will raise more specifically the epistemological question to know how legal scholars may think about global law's specific "territoriality".

### Profile

Mikhail Xifaras has been professor of public law at Sciences Po since September 2008. He teaches legal philosophy and jurisprudence. He is a junior member of the Institut universitaire de France (2006, chair of Philosophy of Law). He passed the *agrégation de l'enseignement supérieur* in public law (2004) and *agrégation* in philosophy (1993) and holds a doctorate in philosophy (thesis prize, University of Besançon, 2001). He is also a graduate of the Ecole normale Supérieure of Fontenay-Saint Cloud (1990). He has been a visiting professor at the Humanities Center at the University of Kyoto (2008).

His primary publications address the philosophy of law: *La propriété, étude de philosophie du droit* (PUF, 2004); *Éprouver l'universel. Essai de géophilosophie*, collection with Kenta Ohji (Kimé, 1999). Mikhail Xifaras has also edited the following collections: *Repenser le contrat* (Daloz, 2009) with Gregory Lewkowicz; *Généalogie des savoirs juridiques. Le carrefour des Lumières* (Bruylant, 2008) with J.-C. Dupont and Th. Berns; *Philosophie de l'impôt* (Bruylant, 2007). Last, he has written extensively on the theory of property, the history of modern legal thought and political philosophy.



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