

## **DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Visiting Professorship in Anglo-American Law**

### **Purpose of the Visiting Professorships**

In a world increasingly shaped by globalization, the Anglo-American regions play an important role for students and practitioners of law. The Department of Law at Freie Universität Berlin has therefore developed the tradition of regularly hosting university instructors from these areas for teaching activities within our department.

### **Subject Matter Alignment**

The visiting professorships contribute to the enhanced internationalization of the courses offered at our department. The alignment toward the legal tradition of common law provides the opportunity for students to get to know the internal connections between the legal culture, legal content, methods, and legal training in this important field in a way that is easy to understand, and for them to compare these features with those of the civil law tradition.

### **Target Group and Methodology**

Our visiting professors teach subjects from Anglo-American law at Freie Universität in the same way that these subjects are taught at their home universities. This applies not only to the English language, but also to the American instructional philosophy (the Socratic Method), which gives rise to a lively exchange of information and ideas between course instructors and participants. Courses taught by our past visiting professors were attended with great motivation by students at a wide range of different points in their studies, from LL.M., THEMIS, and ERASMUS students all the way up to those in the trainee practitioner (*Rechtsreferendar*) stages.

Enrollment in courses taught by our visiting professors is especially recommended as linguistic and methodological preparation for students who are planning to study abroad in English-speaking countries as part of an exchange program or LL.M. program. But even students who are not planning to take the option to study abroad as part of their programs should not miss this opportunity to learn about a different legal tradition or a foreign legal system. In addition, taking courses from foreign visiting professors can serve as proof of students' foreign language skills.