

INTRODUCTION TO ASSOCIATIONS OF STATES

Contribution to the course *General Theory of the State*

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Preliminary remark: Compared to this course in the last year, due to the reduced number of lectures in the shortened lecture period in the coronavirus crisis, my contribution needed to be shortened in detail. Those interested can find a more detailed version of the course materials at the [website for my course contribution in the last year](#).

§ 1 The world order of states

- I. The divided planet and its rudimentary legal world order
- II. The prominent role of the territorial state
- III. Concept and nature of the state
- IV. The development from the solitary loner state to joint markets and inter- and supranational cooperation and integration
- V. The world order of states in the 21st century: open and integrated statehood and a plurality of associations of states

§ 2 The federal state

- I. The federal state as an association of states under constitutional law
- II. The alternative model of the unitary state: one level of statehood with ultimate control and responsibility
- III. The model of the federal state: two independent levels of statehood within one sovereign state
- IV. Crossover phenomena
- V. Asymmetric federalism
- VI. Excursus: Federalism outside the federal state

§ 3 Associations of states under public international law

- I. General aspects
- II. Historical associations of states
- III. The confederation
- IV. The international organisation
- V. The supranational organisation
- VI. The supranational union / "Staatenverbund" ["compound of states"]

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