

INTELLECTUAL AND FORMAL STANDARDS
OF SCIENTIFIC LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING

Contribution to the course *Methodology of Legal Research and Legal Writing*
from the perspective of European, in particular German legal education

Assignment

(40 of 100 points for the course)

1. (35 points): Please discuss in a short text (without bibliography, not more than 3 - 5 pages), which could be part of a journal article in legal science addressed to an international public, a controversial legal topic:

- Present accurately the various positions taken on this controversial topic and provide references in footnotes, as required by the scientific standards in legal writing.
- Use the way of scientific citing in legal science (not in the humanities or other sciences).
- Clarify precisely the context, if necessary, and place the footnotes carefully.
- Cite at least one source of the following kinds of publication:
 - textbook, doctoral thesis or other kind of monography
 - handbook, commentary, conference proceedings or other kind of anthology
 - article in an international law journal (and, if possible, in a national law journal)
 - if possible: court decision (presented for an international public)

2. (5 points): Present in a footnote a reference to a monography or journal article in three different styles (e.g. American, continental European style) and indicate where this style can be found.

Note: Please send me your answer until 02.12.2020 directly via e-mail (tschmit1@gwdg.de). All students are welcome to contact me to discuss the strong and weak points of their paper.