

# LAW AND POLITICS, OR THE POLITICS OF LAW

AS AN IDEAL OF LIBERAL  
DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW  
PRESENTS ITSELF AS A META-  
POLITICAL ZONE OF NEUTRAL  
EXPERTISE.

YET THE MORE THE LAW ESCAPES POLITICS, THE MORE THE POLITICS ENTERS LAW IN A HOST OF PROBLEMATIC WAYS. CAN THE LAW BECOME MORE OPEN ABOUT ITS OWN POLITICAL PREMISES WITHOUT LOSING ITS LEGITIMACY?

# HOW CAN PROGRESSIVES EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE WITH THE LAW WITHOUT COMPROMISING THEIR POLITICAL AGENDAS?

# TO WHICH EXTENT LEGAL FICTIONS CAN BE A VEHICLE FOR A BETTER SOCIETY?

BASED ON MY RESEARCH ON HOW SOCIAL MOVEMENTS USE LAW AND LEGAL ARGUMENTATION, AS WELL AS ON LEGAL AND POLITICAL THEORY, THE TALK WILL EXPLORE THE DIFFICULT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAW AND POLITICS.

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