

# The Norwegian Association for Legal Philosophy, Norsk Forening for Rettsfilosofi (NFRf)

*arranges its*

*Christmas Meeting 2013 on Wednesday 11 December at 1900h*

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**Lars Vinx**

will make a presentation about

## **The Critique of Kelsen's Monism in Analytical Legal Theory**

Kelsen's legal monism – the claim that it is impossible for legal science to recognize the existence of more than one legal system – is often held to be one of the least plausible aspects of Kelsen's Pure Theory of Law. This presentation will challenge the criticism of Kelsen's monism in the work of H.L.A. Hart and Joseph Raz.

It will defend the claim that Hart's and Raz's arguments against Kelsen's monism are all unsound. Hence, Kelsen's monist position is still on the jurisprudential table and potentially able to provide an interesting counterpoint to the prevalent legal pluralist orthodoxy in the theory of legal system.

*Lars Vinx* (University of Bilkent, Turkey) is trained as a philosopher and has written on a number of topics within legal and political philosophy. At present, he is mainly working on the legal and constitutional theory of Hans Kelsen and Carl Schmitt.

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**Prepared comment by Svein Eng**

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The Christmas Meeting takes place in the large Meeting Room, top floor of Domus Bibliotheca, Faculty of Law, Karl Johansgate 47, Oslo. The Meeting is co-arranged by the Department of Public and International Law. Snacks and beverages will be served.

**Both members and non-members are welcome.**

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### **Agenda:**

**1: Organizational questions**

**2: Presentation and debate**

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