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**Home assignment exam autumn 2012**

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**Date of exam:**

15 November at 14:00 to 22 November at 14:00

The essays shall be handed in at the Information Centre at the Faculty of law in Domus Academica, [Karl Johansgate 47](#) Bring two copies of your essay, remember also to bring your student card or some other kind of ID. The paper shall also be submitted in [Fronter](#) \*

### Home exam essays

Use relevant contributions on your reading list to answer *one* of the following two questions:

- (1) Describe and discuss the debate between Alfred McCoy (2006, 2007) and his critics (Blass 2007, Brown 2007).

or

- (2) Why did judicial torture emerge in Continental Europe in the Middle Ages and why did it gradually disappear during the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries? Discuss and assess possible explanations.

### Formal requirements

**Size:** max 4000 words (roughly 10 pages), front page, contents page (if used) and bibliography are *not* included (but words in footnotes at the bottom of each page in the text are, if used, counted)

**Language:** English, Norwegian (or Danish, Swedish)

**Font:** 12

**Spacing:** 1 ½

**Left margin:** 1.25" (3 cm), right margin is optional

**Citation:** shorter extracts (1 – 2 lines) from books or articles should be part of the text, like this: "CIA interrogators made their victims assume "stress positions" without any external mechanism" (McCoy 2006: 59, citation marks in original). Longer quotations must be separated by indentation (no need to use citation marks), spacing 1, like this:

CIA interrogators made their victims assume “stress positions” without any external mechanism. Similarly, both the Paris Inquisition’s “water question” and the CIA’s “water boarding” forced fluids down the victim’s throat to simulate a sense of drowning (McCoy 2006: 59, citation marks in original).

**Bibliography:** the bibliography at the end of the essay should only include works referred to or cited in the text, and be set up in alphabetical order like this:

Luban, David (2005). “Liberalism, Torture, and the Ticking Bomb”, in *Virginia Law Review*, vol. 91, issue 6

McCoy, Alfred (2006). *A Question of Torture*. New York: Metropolitan Books

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