Concepts of Private Law
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Hilary Term 2018, weeks 5-8, Wednesdays 2-4pm
All Souls College (Hovenden Room)

This seminar series may be of interest to BCL/MJur students taking Philosophical Foundations of the Common Law and/or Private Law and Fundamental Rights, and to other graduate students with interests in theoretical questions about private law. All are welcome. The meetings will be exploratory and there is no required reading for the first seminar. However, the list below gives an indication of themes that may be touched upon and approaches that may be encountered, and those attending may like to familiarize themselves with at least some of what appears on it.

Carol Harlow, “‘Public” and “Private” Law: Definition without Distinction’, Modern Law Review 43 (1980), 241

N.E. Simmonds, The Decline of Juridical Reason: Doctrine and Theory in the Legal Order (Manchester 1984), ch 9


John Gardner, From Personal Life to Private Law (forthcoming 2018), ch 5 [typescript]