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Foreword

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The concept of the rule of law – in German: the practice of legal institutions depend on socio-economic structures. Therefore, it is social order are more or less suitable to the implementation of the rule of law. It is often a world, differences of national characteristics, harmonization of laws and conditions of the rule of law. The analysis of this development of political studies. The contributions to this examples and provide inspiration for further research.

In 2011, the Hans Sigrist Foundation competition for the most outstanding academic the (possibly declining) function of the study of ‘the
Lacey won the competition and was awarded a prestigious honour of the University of Zurich. The following examples which are published here in revised version

Nicola Lacey, in her contribution, sums up the development of ideas of responsibility for crime, the political economy of punishment. In various research fields, she develops a program for investigation on the materialization of different law in different societies and the appropriate legal regulations with the aspirations attributed to this principle.

Fritz Sack focuses on the similarities of crime in highly developed western countries to the ‘punitive turn’, which does not necessarily less populist than that of other penal policy, also applies to Germany. Sack reasons why outsiders are generally of the

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