

THE STRUCTURE AND RELATION OF CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Contribution to the course *Local Government Law* from a comparative perspective

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Preliminary remark: At the Faculty of Law of Universitas Gadjah Mada the courses are shared by several lecturers. This table informs about the contents of my lectures in April 2020. They complement those of my colleague *Faiz Rahman* from the perspective of comparison of laws with a special focus on German law.

§ 1 Introduction

- I. Why studying local government law with a comparative approach?
- II. Common and different backgrounds of local government law in Germany and Indonesia
- III. The terminology in the field of local government law

§ 2 Regional "local government" or "statehood"? The fundamental decision for a unitarian or federalist system

- I. The model of the unitary state: one level of statehood with ultimate control and responsibility
- II. The model of the federal state: two independent levels of statehood within one sovereign state
- III. Crossover phenomena: unitarian federal states and highly autonomous regions in unitarian states

§ 3 The decision for centralism, decentralisation or local and regional autonomy

- I. A constitutional decision or a decision left to the legislator
- II. The different concepts
- III. The constitutional guarantee of local self-government in Germany
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- I. Two levels of "central" government in a federal state
- II. The distribution of the administrative competences
- III. The administrative structure
- IV. The federal supervision of the execution of federal law by the Länder

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- I. A different local government law in every Land
- II. Types of local collectivities
- III. The institutions of the local collectivities
- IV. Voluntary self-government tasks, mandatory self-government tasks and delegated tasks
- V. Administrative supervision

§ 6 Special phenomena

- I. Cooperative federalism
- II. Inter-municipal cooperation
- III. Local but international: transnational cooperation

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