

COURSE DETAIL

HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIETY, AND LAW

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

140

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIETY, AND LAW

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

This exploratory seminar engages students with the many dimensions through which human rights, a disputed and yet predominant discourse often related to notions of democracy, rule of law, or social justice, intersects with society. The course begins by examining the concept of human rights by exploring its philosophical foundations and its history, and by discussing the various critiques which have been addressed to the concept of human rights and its application in practice. It then explores four key contemporary human rights issues, and the way they play out in law and societies. The first relates to the relationship between human rights and sustainable development, and raises the question of whether human rights can be harnessed to generate better, and more sustainable, forms of development, and if so how. The second focuses on the rights of cultural minorities, and raises questions about the relationship between human rights and citizenship. The third examines the relationship between human rights and feminist approaches, through the lens of women's sexual and reproductive rights. The fourth addresses the rights of the LGBT community and raises broader questions about how human rights claims relate to identity. Finally, the course engages students in exploring and reflecting on the practical dimensions of the field of human rights, through a human rights strategy design project.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

BEXP 15A00

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Host Institution Campus

Exploration Seminar

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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