COURSE DETAIL

ANTHROPOLOGY OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN LAWS
Country France
Host Institution Sciences Po Reims
Program(s) Sciences Po Reims
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 100
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ANTHROPOLOGY OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN LAWS
UCEAP Transcript Title FRENCH&AMERICAN LAW
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
One of the founding fathers of legal anthropology, Karl Llewellyn described law as “a batch of tools to get jobs done in a culture,” and this course provides an opportunity to examine law from this perspective. Drawing on Llewellyn's anthropological approach to law, the first sessions ask: what jobs need to be done in a human group for it to become and therefore remain a society? How did the normative tools that are found in any human group transform historically to become Western law, then evolving into distinct civil law and common law traditions? Once students are provided with the foundational knowledge and methodology of legal anthropology, the remaining sessions are devoted to understanding what French and American laws reveal about the workings of their respective societies. Through adopting a chronological approach, the course covers major questions both societies face and how both legal systems address these concerns differently. Topics covered include: how power should be organized to avoid tyranny; how social instability resulting from industrialization and capitalism can be mitigated; how society responds to the tensions and challenges that arise from varying individual identities and technology.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
Seminar

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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