COURSE DETAIL

MIGRATION LAW FROM THEORY TO ADVOCACY
Country France
Host Institution Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)
Program(s) Sciences Po Paris
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Legal Studies International Studies
UCEAP Course Number 122
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title MIGRATION LAW FROM THEORY TO ADVOCACY
UCEAP Transcript Title MIGRATION LAW
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
This course takes on a dual approach to migration law combining a theoretical and a practical account of the field. Through an interdisciplinary perspective mobilizing law, philosophy, and sociology, the sessions question the rationale of migration law in constitutional states, mostly in Europe and North America. Immigration law determines the condition of migrants in various ways: it primarily founds the distinction between nationals and aliens, it establishes the law of border policing and it delimits the rights of foreigners within the state territory. To this extent, migration law does not only define a set of rights and duties, it also enables a person to be part–or not–of a political community; it thus lies at the core of the foundations and the functioning of contemporary liberal states. After having examined and deconstructed the foundational concepts of migration law, the course dedicates a substantive part of the course to the analysis of the standing of foreigners and migrants in international, European and domestic law. The course then looks at the legal architecture regulating migration from the perspective of the states. This invites students to reflect on a series of topics including the following: the relation of sovereignty to immigration control; the power effects of categorizing migrants; legal status of foreigners; migrants structural exclusion from the framework of the rule of law; the extent that counter-terrorism measures and the use of states of exception undermine the condition of migrants in constitutional states; what these reflections tell us about our political societies. The practical aspect of the course permeates most sessions through in-class exercises where students are asked to produce advocacy tools based on real-life issues.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
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