COURSE DETAIL

ANTHROPOLOGY OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN LAWS
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 Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 120
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ANTHROPOLOGY OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN LAWS
UCEAP Transcript Title FR & AMER LAWS
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
Drawing on Karl 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 evolve 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. For instance: how should power be organized to avoid tyranny; how should social instability resulting from industrialization and capitalism be mitigated; how should society respond to the tensions and challenges that arise from varying individual identities and technology.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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DDRO 25A27

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Host Institution Campus
English Seminar

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Law

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