

## COURSE DETAIL

### TORTURE, SURVEILLANCE, AND RIGHTS

**Country**

Norway

**Host Institution**

University of Oslo

**Program(s)**

University of Oslo

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science Legal Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

124

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

TORTURE, SURVEILLANCE, AND RIGHTS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

TORTURE&SURVEILLNCE

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

## **Course Description**

Starting with philosophical reflections on the nature of torture and surveillance, the course takes students through ethical, historical, legal, and cultural aspects of intelligence gathering practices, with a special focus on torture and surveillance as information and knowledge-producing strategies in “the war against terror.” At the end of the course, students have thorough knowledge of some of the most central questions and positions in contemporary debates about torture and surveillance. Topics covered in the course include: what is torture and can it ever be morally justified; the history of torture and surveillance from within the social sciences, criminal justice and warfare; the limits and possibilities of contemporary surveillance practices in “the war against terror”; how torture and surveillance should be situated in a wider social and cultural context.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

## **Host Institution Course Number**

RSOS4950

## **Host Institution Course Title**

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## **Host Institution Campus**

Law

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Criminology and the Sociology of Law

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