COURSE DETAIL

COMPARATIVE LAW IN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
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
UCEAP Course Number 119
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title COMPARATIVE LAW IN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
UCEAP Transcript Title COMP LAW GLOBAL
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
The course presents and introduces comparative law in a global perspective, providing students with an overview of the most important legal traditions of the world. The first part focuses on the meaning of comparative law and introduces basic concepts, such as those of legal traditions, legal transplants and legal pluralism, considering legal globalization as one of the most important developments for contemporary legal studies. The second part deals with the core of the Western legal traditions analyzing the Common law and Civil law archetypical divide. It also analyses mixed legal systems, their distinctive traits and growing importance for comparative legal studies. The meaning of democracy and human rights as Western or universal values is also addressed in this part of the course. The third part broadens the course's comparative spectrum to some of the most important non-Western legal traditions (Sub-Saharan, East-Asian, Talmudic, Islamic and Latin American) and questions the possible reconciliation of legal diversity on a global scale. The course provides students with the opportunities to: better appreciate how cultural, social, and historical factors dialogue and interrelate with the development of legal structures, doctrines, and substantive rules; approach the study of some of the major legal traditions of the world and their contemporary relevance; acquire tools for understanding the impact of globalization on legal and political structures; enhance argumentative and legal analysis skills via class discussion and exchange.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
English Seminar

Host Institution Faculty
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