COURSE DETAIL

LAW, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Leiden University College
Program(s) Leiden University College
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Legal Studies
UCEAP Course Number 106
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title LAW, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY
UCEAP Transcript Title LAW CULTR & SOCIETY
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This course starts with two fundamental questions in socio-legal studies. How do laws and legal institutions affect society and social behavior? And conversely, how does society affect the production of laws and the functioning of legal institutions? Socio-legal scholarship has used different perspectives in answering these questions, including a cultural perspective. The course focuses on that perspective, and zooms in on a quite topical issue: the increasingly multicultural or ethnically diverse nature of society. It explores how that characteristic influences the emergence and functioning of laws and legal institutions. It also examines how different ethnic or religious groups, often confronted with a situation of legal pluralism, deal with laws and legal institutions. The course considers if law should merely reflect a society, or whether it also has a function to change society in a certain direction. If law does not reflect the whole of society, what implications does this have for minority groups? These questions are relevant to societies both in the Global North and the Global South. Accordingly, the course draws on and discusses cases from both regions.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
Leiden University College, The Hague

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
International Justice

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