COURSE DETAIL

THE RULE OF LAW IN MODERN CHINA
Country Hong Kong
Host Institution University of Hong Kong
Program(s) University of Hong Kong
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Legal Studies Asian Studies
UCEAP Course Number 41
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE RULE OF LAW IN MODERN CHINA
UCEAP Transcript Title LAW IN MODERN CHINA
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course examines from a historical perspective the legal transformations in 20th century China and developments towards the rule of law. First, the key concepts of the rule of law are introduced in a straightforward way suitable for students from all backgrounds. The course then examines the Chinese legal tradition up until the late Qing dynasty, including the legal and constitutional reforms introduced in response to the challenge of the West. This is followed by looking at the continuation of the late Qing legal reforms in the Republican era, including the move to one-party rule under the Kuomintang Government, legal and constitutional reforms in post-1945 Taiwan, and the development of the rule of law there. This course also covers legal thought and legal developments in the People's Republic of China since 1949, including the Maoist era and the "Cultural Revolution". The final topic is the modernization of the Chinese legal system in the era of "reform and opening", which considers the legal reforms that have accompanied the move from a socialist planned economy to a market economy, developments relating to "ruling the country according to law", constitutional reforms for the protection of property and human rights, and the legal practice of "One Country, Two Systems" in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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