

COURSE DETAIL

COMPARATIVE JUDICIAL POLITICS: GOVERNING WITH JUDGES

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

114

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

COMPARATIVE JUDICIAL POLITICS: GOVERNING WITH JUDGES

UCEAP Transcript Title

COMP JUDICL POLITIC

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course provides an overview of the major debates in comparative judicial politics and an introduction to the political science of law and courts, a branch of the discipline known as judicial politics. This is not a course on constitutional adjudication law, and the focus is not on doctrinal analysis or close reading of cases (though cases are discussed to illustrate and examine the topics of the course). Instead, constitutional courts are evaluated as political institutions and judges as political actors. After theorizing judicial review by introducing students to concepts such as the government of judges, juristocracy, and political constitutionalism, specific cases are studied. Topics include: judicial review models across time and space; constraints on judicial power; conflicts between constitutional courts and the other branches of government; decision making within the judicial hierarchy; judicial appointments. The focus of this course is comparative with an emphasis on constitutional courts in advanced democracies; however, courts and legal systems in new democracies and authoritarian regimes are discussed as well.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DDRO 25A42

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

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