# COURSE DETAIL

| LAW & SOCIETY |
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| **Country**<br>France |
| **Host Institution**<br>Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) |
| **Program(s)**<br>Sciences Po Paris |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Political Science Legal Studies |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>165 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix**<br>D |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>LAW & SOCIETY |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>LAW & SOCIETY |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>4.50 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units** |

3.00

**Course Description**

Law is often imagined as a mass of written documents containing intricate and arcane language, which is usually manipulated by lawyers and judges. This course expands this imagery by exploring the impact of legal practice, defined as a set of techniques deployed by legal professionals, in relation to our daily life. The course first surveys the historical underpinnings of legal practice, devoting special attention to the study of its Roman and Medieval manifestations. Moreover, it reflects upon the impact of legal professionals and legal techniques in the organization of geographical spaces, group membership, behavior control, and economic production. The course also discusses the tensions between legal pluralism and the centralization of legal authority promoted by the nation-State, as well as introduces the use of legal technique as tools for resistance and change.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
BEXP 15A09

**Host Institution Course Title**
LAW & SOCIETY

**Host Institution Course Details**
https://syllabus.sciencespo.fr/fr/?202420/269303

**Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**
Exploratory Seminar

**Host Institution Department**

**Course Last Reviewed**
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