

COURSE DETAIL

ETHNOGRAPHY AND LAW BRINGING BACK THE EMPIRICAL

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 Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

104

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

ETHNOGRAPHY&LAW

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course questions the place of researchers in the 21st century and law through the ethnographer's field. Is there such a field? The course introduces basic concepts of law and anthropology, human sciences, its colonial background and methodological critiques to further how lawyers can lean in and explore anthropology's paradigm of alterity to further critical legal thinking and how anthropologists and other social scientists can look at law as a cultural technique. The course discusses why using empirical work, sometimes uncomfortable for a researcher, similar to looking in the mirror, can contribute to better addressing today's ethical and political challenges. Through the revision of diverse examples, old and new, students learn about the method of "explorers."

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DDRO 25A03

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Law

Course Last Reviewed

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