

# 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

<https://syllabus.sciencespo.fr/fr/?202510/286215>

## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

Seminar

## Host Institution Department

Law

## Course Last Reviewed

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