

COURSE DETAIL

LAW & POLITICAL ECONOMY OF GENDER

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Women's & Gender Studies Legal Studies Economics

UCEAP Course Number

170

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

LAW & POLITICAL ECONOMY OF GENDER

UCEAP Transcript Title

LAW&POL ECON/GENDER

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course bridges feminist theory, legal studies, and political economy to provide a multidimensional understanding of how gender structures economic and legal systems. It complements existing offerings in political theory, law, and gender studies by integrating critical perspectives on care, welfare, and neoliberalism with emerging debates on digital capitalism and global governance. Drawing on feminist, queer, and postcolonial scholarship, it explores how gender is not merely shaped by legal and economic systems but is fundamentally constitutive of them. The syllabus is designed to be intellectually rigorous yet accessible to undergraduates from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, progressively introducing theoretical frameworks and applying them to concrete economic and policy issues. Indeed, the course investigates how care and reproductive labor sustain markets and states; how institutions of property, finance, and welfare define economic citizenship; and how global processes—including colonialism, migration, and development—reproduce gendered hierarchies. The course also addresses the gendered dynamics of digital capitalism, exploring how contemporary technological infrastructures and platform economies shape labor, value, and power. Through close reading of legal and theoretical texts, class discussions, and media materials, the course connects historical and contemporary debates on work, welfare, sexuality, and governance. It interrogates the ways legal regimes define economic citizenship, moral worth, and bodily autonomy, while also considering feminist strategies for resistance, redistribution, and transformation. By linking feminist thought to law and political economy, the course equips students with conceptual and analytical tools to critically engage with law as both a site of domination and potential social change.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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DDRO 25A17

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Law

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