

**PLAN DE COURS
ACADEMIC SYLLABUS**

DISCIPLINE	Law, Sociology and Global Studies			
Titre du cours Course title	Law and Society			
	Langue Language	Heures Hours	ECTS	Année du Diplôme
	English	20	4	2^{ème}
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Objectifs du cours / Course objectives	<p>The aim of the course is to provide better understanding of the interactions between law and social institutions. Today, in most societies, law is everywhere and affects our daily lives. Law permits, prohibits, enables, legitimates, protects or prosecutes citizens... In an age of globalization, this course intends to examine the central features of law as an instrument of social change. How can it affect as well as reflect the evolutions of society: marriage, divorce, abortion and reproductive rights, equality, affirmative action, voting rights, school and religion, sexual harassment on the workplace, internet communications...</p> <p>The course will focus on the influence of central legal actors in shaping society and social changes and will underline the role of the law in the globalization trend today.</p> <p>A "law in action" approach will be used to studying legal interactions with society, focusing on the social, political, economic and cultural contexts of law rather than a "law on the books" approach.</p>			

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Compétences acquises/ Learning outcomes	Understanding of the decisive role of legal instruments in modern societies and how legal issues are influenced by society. Understanding interdisciplinary challenges to law, such as law relates to politics, gender, religion, sexuality or ethnicity as well as its impact on global interactions.
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Contenu du cours par session/ Course content per session	Nombre d'heures/ Number of hours
<p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The growing importance of law in modern societies -The impact of law on resolving social issues and conflicts -Law and Globalization 	2
<p>Part I: Law as a tool of social organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The role of central legal actors: legal professionals, administrations, firms, mediators, interest groups, social movements, environmental groups... -Legal actors and popular culture -Law and pluralism in modern societies -The use of law in a democratic society -The use of law for social regulation -The use of law for economic regulation 	8
<p>Case studies/Part I: Representation of law and legal actors in literature, films..., the meaning of the rule of law in a democratic society, law and crime, law and terrorism, law and sports, discussion of current legal issues in the news</p>	
<p>Part II: Law as an instrument of social change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Law as social engineering -Recognizing new rights to change society: women's rights abortion, same sex marriages, consumers' rights... -Changing society through law: anti-discrimination policies, affirmative action programs, school and religion, policing, smoking regulations... -Adapting society to new technologies: privacy v. transparency -Rethinking workplace relations: gender equality, security, sexual harassment -Developing new legal instruments of change: class actions, ethics committees, environmental actions... 	8

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Case studies/Part II: reforms on gay marriage, new consumer protection, defense of minority groups, religious diversity, animal rights' claims, internet changes, workplace equality, environmental legal activism, discussion of current legal issues in the news

Conclusion: Law as a mechanism for handling conflicts and aspirations in global societies

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Bibliographie - Auteur, titre, année, éditeur/ Bibliography - Author, title, year, publisher
-Stewart Macaulay, Laurence Friedman and Elisabeth Mertz, Law in Action: A Socio-Legal Reader, New York Foundation Press, 2008
-Gerald Rosenberg, The Hollow Hope. Can Courts Bring About Social Change? University of Chicago Press, 2009
-Kitty Calavita, Invitation to Law and Society: An Introduction to the Study of Real Law, University of Chicago Press, 2nd Edit, 2016

METHODES D'EVALUATION/ METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

-Oral or short written exam; Duration: 1 hour(if written exam); 100% of final grade
-Possibility of a research paper (15 pages) instead of the oral or written final exam

Mini CV de l'enseignant/ Mini CV of the lecturer

PHOTO (non obligatoire)



Guy Scoffoni est Professeur à l'IEP d'Aix-en-Provence et chargé de cours à la Faculté de droit d'Aix-Marseille. Il enseigne principalement des questions de droit comparé, de mondialisation et de droits de l'homme. Il a été également Professeur-invité dans de nombreuses institutions étrangères, notamment aux Etats-Unis (Universités de Californie Los Angeles, San Diego, Loyola Los Angeles, Hartford ou New York), en Europe (Universités de Londres/UCL, Galway, Oslo, Louvain-La -Neuve...), en Asie (Universités de Tokyo, Hong Kong, Yeungnam/Corée du Sud,...) et aux Universités du Cap (Afrique du Sud), Cordoba (Argentine), Adelaide (Australie), Montréal et Toronto(Canada). Il a publié cinq livres (Dalloz , Economica...) et plus de cent-vingt articles, notes ou chroniques en droit constitutionnel, droit comparé et libertés fondamentales dans des revues françaises ou étrangères.

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