Visiting Professor Program
Academic year 2021/2022

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURES, POLITICS AND SOCIETY

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 30 hours

COURSE TITLE

Law and Society in Africa

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Law

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English
The Degree Course is entirely taught in English

COURSE SUMMARY

The course will cover the following ground:

Africa, Law and Society
Legal Pluralism and Interlegality
Law and Colonialism in Africa
African Law, Customary Law or Vernacular Law?
Living Customary Law
Vernacular Dispute Management & Traditional Courts
Constituting the post-colonial state in Africa
When is the past not the past? On irresolution and revolution
Human Rights, Rule of Law & Access to Justice
Just Transitions?
Women’s Rights
LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Law shapes and is shaped by social, political and cultural institutions and practices. In this course students will be introduced to key concepts in socio-legal studies and to scholarship in, on and, particularly, from Africa, that provide insights into the relationship between law and other social institutions on the continent. Africa is a large and diverse continent. The course explores shared themes of concern to African intellectuals, including aspects of law and colonialism, as well as country-specific engagements with law, particularly in post-colonial Africa. It moves from broad conceptual questions about the nature of African law to considering the ways in which laws are mobilized and contested by African legal actors and by ordinary citizens to address contemporary social concerns relating to, amongst others, land, sexuality, women’s rights, and access to justice.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES

N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

N/A

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

A person with a solid experience in academic teaching in English and an in-depth knowledge of African Law

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