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Visiting Professor Program
Academic Year 2023/2024

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 30 hours

COURSE TITLE
Law and Society in Africa

TEACHING PERIOD
1st term

SCIENTIFIC AREA
Private comparative law

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH
English

COURSE SUMMARY
The course will cover the following topics:
- 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

- Human Security
- Violence Against Women and Children
- LGBTQIA+ Rights
- Lawyers and Judges

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

The Visiting Professor should be a person with a solid experience in academic teaching in English and an in-depth knowledge of African Law.

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