



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Legal Anthropology - 62043

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HU Credits: 1

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: law

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

What do law and anthropology have to learn from each other as disciplines? Is the creation a sub-discipline called legal anthropology aiming to fashion a truly hybrid idea of law, a centaur jurisprudence? We will reflect upon the way in which culture is constructed as a concept by law and anthropology in a variety of formal and informal settings. We will also apply the idea of culture to legal discourse itself, and assess the extent to which the concept of law can be expressed in a cross-cultural manner and support a shared normative order. At the heart of the enquiry is the question whether jurists have something to gain by abandoning a necessarily legal perspective on the idea of law and the construction of legal norms. What do law and anthropology have to learn from each other as disciplines? Is the creation a sub-discipline called legal anthropology aiming to fashion a truly hybrid idea of law, a centaur jurisprudence? We will reflect upon the way in which culture is constructed as a concept by law and anthropology in a variety of formal and informal settings. We will also apply the idea of culture to legal discourse itself, and assess the extent to which the concept of law can be expressed in a cross-cultural manner and support a shared normative order. At the heart of the enquiry is the question whether jurists have something to gain by abandoning a necessarily legal perspective on the idea of law and the construction of legal norms.

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

By the end of the course, students will have gained a broad understanding of the concept of culture, developed a critical perspective on the representation of law within positivist legal discourse, explored the ways in which various non-western cultures resort to other systems of norms to administer justice, and sampled the ways in which law and culture interact in the regulation of social interactions.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

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Required Reading:

TBC

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Additional information: