

**Course Description:** This course focuses on various socio-historical approaches to law, with a specific focus on the role that law plays in contemporary modes of global governance, e.g. a new transnational set of rules associated with new sources of authority, which go beyond the forms of state authority that are traditionally called upon to interpret and enforce these rules. Topics range from the protection of the rule of law and human rights to the regulation of collapsing financial markets. Periods range from colonial times, to the Cold War and the “new globalization” era. We will survey different disciplinary approaches to the topic, from history, political science, anthropology and sociology. Students will be encouraged to develop an original approach to the topic and to illustrate their approach by researching cases of interest to them.

**Assessment:** Students are required to read one book per week. This course is a graduate seminar and requires active participation from all members during class and every week. The assessment of students’ performance will be broken down into four criteria: participation in class (10% of the grade), a short exercise (20%), final paper (70%).

The short exercise will consist presenting how various articles/book chapters among the week’s readings helped one student understand a contemporary issue that is relevant to the texts, although not discussed by the readings. Students will present their case during class (max. 10 minutes). Ideally, the case to be presented will have a relationship with the topic of the student’s final paper, so that the class discussion can help students better understand the methodological and theoretical implications of their future work.

The final paper will consist in the analysis of an issue related to the field of law and globalization, which the readings in class help illuminate. It will involve some research with primary and/or second-hand documents: archives, interviews, observations, press analysis, academic works. It will not be longer than 25 double-spaced pages.
SCHEDULE OF READINGS

WEEK 1: Colonial Law: Colonizing (1)


Recommended:


WEEK 2: Colonial Law: Socio-Legal Legacies (2)


Recommended:


WEEK 3: Colonial Law: Legal Ideologies (3)


(Read in particular Chapters 2, 3, 4 Pp 98-348.)

Recommended:


WEEK 4: Decolonized Law: De-Colonizing the National Rule of Law (1)


Recommended:


WEEK 5: Decolonized Law: Decolonizing International Organizations (2)


Recommended:


WEEK 6: Decolonized Law: Decolonizing International Law (3)


Recommended:


WEEK 7: International Law: Human Rights during the Cold War and Beyond (1)


Recommended:


WEEK 8: International Law: Global Governance in the “New” Globalization Era (2)


Recommended:


WEEK 9: International Law: Neoliberal Technologies of Global Governance (3)


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