

SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

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Lectures: Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9am to 9.50am @ Classroom 12.32

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Class No.	Summary	Date
0	Introduction to the class.	March 1 st
1	<u>Workshop</u> : How to write a paper. To define Sociology of Law and a sociological definition of Law: Concept, limits, positive and negative definitions. <u>Assignment</u> : Bring the definition of sociology of Law you find more accurate to the class. <u>Discuss</u> : Can there be a sociological view of Law?	March 8 th
2	The founding father of SL: AUGUSTE COMTE. Social Darwinism: HERBERT SPENCER. <u>Assignment</u> : Watch <i>Lord of the flies</i> (1963). <u>Discussion</u> : Is there Law without society?	March 15 th
3	ÉMILE DURKHEIM: Social Facts, Law and Solidarity. Objectivism and subjectivism in Sociology of Law. Jurists as the observers and the observed. The myths of analytical legal theory. <u>Discussion</u> : Can social scientists be neutral? Is Law a social science?	March 22 nd
Deadline	Submission of research question (e-mail, until 11AM)	March 26th
4	MAX WEBER and the rationalization of Law. Power, domination and obedience. PIERRE BOURDIEU and how Law is compelling. <u>Discussion</u> : What is the purpose of Law? <i>Who is Law for?</i>	March 29 th
<i>No class</i>	<i>Easter/Spring Break</i> (April 1 st – April 10 th , inc.)	April 5 th
Deadline	Submission of research project (e-mail, until 11AM)	April 9th
5	<i>Individual Review of Research Projects.</i>	April 12 th
6	NIKLAS LUHMANN and systemic functionalism. <u>Discussion</u> : Is Law an autopoietic system? Transcending Legal Sociology: Critical Legal Theory and progressive alternatives in Law. <u>Assignment</u> : Comment ROBERTO MANGABEIRA UNGER on VideoAnt https://ant.umn.edu/ayryuqrtdp (100 min)	April 19 th
7	ROSCOE POUND and sociological jurisprudence. Judicial Activism. <u>Assignment</u> : <i>Black Mirror</i> (Netflix, S03E01 Episode <i>Nosedive</i>). <u>Discussion</u> : Is Law (or are laws) a tool of social engineering?	April 26 th
8	KARL LLEWELLYN and legal realism. Sociology of legal professions. <u>Assignment</u> : <i>Your Honor</i> (HBO, 2021). (At least first 3 episodes) <u>Discussion</u> : Can we trust judges and legislators?	May 3 rd
9	Debate : <i>Eichmann in Jerusalem</i> : Part I: a sociological defense.	May 10 th
<i>No class</i>	<i>Reading Week. Office hours throughout the week via Zoom.</i>	May 17 th
Deadline	Final deadline for the submission of papers (via e-mail until 11AM)	May 18th
10	Debate : <i>Eichmann in Jerusalem</i> : Part II: a legal defense. Debrief.	May 24 th
11	Self-assessment, end-of-term review, grading. Portuguese hospitality.	May 31 st