

Fall 2018 Courses in Gender and Law

Compiled by the Women and the Law Program

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619A-001 Comparative Family Law (2cr)

Saez

This seminar will explore the differences and commonalities in the conceptualization and legal treatment of families in different legal traditions. It will focus on the relationship between blood and family, and sex and family, analyzing how different countries shape family law using those two concepts. In addition to comparing how different countries or systems deal with different issues on family law, the seminar will also explore the role of international courts and international law in the shaping of family law in areas such as marriage and cohabitation, parenting, violence, and property, among others.

637-001 Domestic Violence (2cr)

Harris

This seminar will cover the theoretical, social, and legal implications of domestic violence. Students will examine the evolution of civil and criminal justice system interventions, the legal and psychosocial theory informing the state's approach to domestic violence, and the future directions of domestic violence law and policy. We will consider the intersection of survivors' experience of domestic violence with issues of race, gender, class, sexual orientation, and immigrant and indigenous status. The course will include simulation and practice exercises, court observation, written assignments, and a presentation to the class, which may be collaborative.

676A-001 Gender and International and Comparative Law (2cr)

TBD

This course is an introduction to women's rights and LGBTI advocacy in international and comparative legal contexts. We will explore recent developments and challenges in international organizations, such as the UN, World Bank or human rights treaty bodies. We will also highlight the diverse approaches taken by advocates for gender-based equality in countries and regions around the world. Gender cuts across all substantive areas of the law and every aspect of legal systems—from the largest institutions to the most intimate of relations. Because we have to narrow it down somehow, this semester we will explore in depth how international and domestic law address sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence, women's economic empowerment and development, caregiving and other domestic labor, political participation and power, and family life. Students will also develop expertise in the status of women and LGBTI persons in their home countries or states (within the US), and will share their findings with the group each week.

927-001 International Trafficking in Persons (3cr)

Chuang

This course aims to provide an overview of international and U.S. law and policy responses to the problem of human trafficking. We begin with an inquiry into the question of what trafficking is – a question that, despite the existence of legal definitions of trafficking – remains highly contested. We will explore this question through three case studies, involving trafficking of women into the sex industry and domestic work, and the trafficking of men into forced labor. We will then examine trafficking-specific international, regional, and U.S. laws, and explore the role of broader international and regional human rights regimes in addressing trafficking. Having studied the role of law in the fight against human trafficking, we will step back and spend the second half of the semester examining the dynamics of anti-trafficking advocacy movement and assess its effectiveness in combating trafficking.

COURSES INCLUDING A GENDER COMPONENT

626-001	Human Rights	Martin, Rodriquez-Pinzon
636-001	Family Law	Shalleck
656-001	Asylum and Refugee Law	McConnell
967-001	Immigration Issues: Family & Employment	Moss
989-001	International Protection of Vulnerable Groups	Burke

FACULTY INTEGRATING A GENDER PERSPECTIVE

657-001	International Trade Law I.	Ala'i
739B-001	Advanced Human Rights Seminar	Mendez
795F-001	Prevention of Genocide	Mendez
795U-004	Torture Prohibition in International Law	Grossman
808-001	International Business and Human Rights	Orentlicher
813-001	Comparative Environmental Law	Hunter
840-001	Secured Transactions	Hughes
850-001	International Criminal Law	SaCouto
860-001	Criminal Defense: Theory and Practice	Davis

* Not all courses may be applied towards LL.M .in International Legal Studies, Specialization in Gender and International Law or the LL.M. in Law & Government, Specialization in Gender and Law.
Please check with your program for qualifying courses.