



Syllabus

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INSTITUTE
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CENTRE
FOR
CONTEMPORARY
CHINA
STUDIES

Chinese Legal System



"Increase of EU's economic potential in relations with China"
Leonardo da Vinci – Transfer of Innovation

General Information

Course title		Chinese Legal System
Faculty/Institute		VUB
Programme for which the course is offered		
Course ID		
Erasmus code		
Course group		
Didactic cycle		
Type/form of class		Seminar
Brief course description		The aim of the course is to discuss basic issues of the China's legal system. Students will be introduced into the sources of the China's legal system, its development and current principles.
Full course description		The aim of the course is to discuss basic issues of the China's legal system. Students will be introduced into the sources of the China's legal system, its development and current principles. They will receive basic information about Chinese civil law system and administrative law. The issue of "rule of law with Chinese characteristics" will be discussed.
Prerequisites	Formal prerequisites	—
	other prerequisites	Basic skills in law.
Learning outcomes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have knowledge about the history of the Chinese legal system • Students understand the specific of the Chinese legal system and its evolution • Students understand the difference between the European and Chinese legal system • Students are aware about "strengths and weaknesses" of the Chinese legal system
ECTS credits		
Assessment methods and criteria		Written exam (80%) Active participation in the seminar (20%)
Type of examination		Exam
Type of course		seminar
Mode of delivery		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-class seminars with use of multimedia materials

Language of instruction	English
Bibliography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bhatia, V. K.. Legal discourse across cultures and systems. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2008. • Chen, Hongyi. An introduction to the legal system of the People's Republic of China. (ed. Poon, Kelleigh). 3rd edition. Hong Kong ; Dayton, Ohio: LexisNexis, 2004. • Chen, Jianfu. Chinese Law: Towards an Understanding of Chinese Law, Its Nature, and Development. Cambridge: Kluwer Law International, 1999. • Chinese law and legal theory. (ed. Keller, Perry). International Library of Essays in Law & Legal Theory, Second Series. Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate Publishing, Limited, 2001. • Chow, Daniel C. K. The legal system of the People's Republic of China in a nutshell. West Nutshell Series. Text. St. Paul, MN: Thomson/West, 2003
Work placement(s)	—
Course coordinator	Lei Zhang
Academic teachers	Lei Zhang
Remarks	—

Detailed Information

Name of the academic teacher	Lei Zhang
Academic degree	MA
Form of the class	Seminar
Learning outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have knowledge about the history of the Chinese legal system • Students understand the specific of the Chinese legal system and its evolution • Students understand the difference between the European and Chinese legal system • Students are aware about “strengths and weaknesses” of the Chinese legal system
Assessment methods and criteria for this course	<p>Written exam (80%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Active participation in the seminar (20%)
Type of examination	Exam
A list of topics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Comparative Overview of the Chinese and Common Law Systems 3. History of law in China 4. Law in PRC 5. Economic reforms and the transformation of the legal

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	<p>system</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Chinese civil law system 7. Law Relating to Business Finance 8. Administrative law 9. Chinese law in international comparison. 10. Legal Aspects of China's Foreign Trade
Learning activities and teaching methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short lectures followed by a discussion with students; • Students' presentations; • Group work in class; • Case studies.
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