



Course Outline

Course number	RBC228				
Course title	Legal Method				
Credit points	3 ECTS				
Total hours	80				
Lecture hours	30				
Course level	Bachelor				
Prerequisites	None				
Category	Mandatory	X	Restricted elective		Free elective

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Ioannis Kampourakis	PhD	Postdoc/Visiting Lecturer

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
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COURSE ABSTRACT AND OBJECTIVES

This course will introduce students to legal method and legal theory in the context of globalization. The premise of the course is that the processes of economic globalization have changed the foundations of legal questions that have traditionally preoccupied jurisprudence. Questions such as what law is, what its sources are, or what its connection to authority, morality, or the economy is increasingly take on a different meaning in a world of global interconnection and pluralism. The course will attempt to trace these changes by addressing issues such as the meaning of legal interpretation in a world of multiple interpretive communities, the meaning of legal pluralism, the creation of law beyond the state, the possible emergence of a 'global law' through Global Value Chains, and the role and function of transnational human rights.

There are no prerequisites for the course. Students are encouraged to do the suggested reading before class to facilitate discussion and active participation. Nevertheless, the lecture will not take the readings for granted. Students are, therefore, not required to have done the readings before.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Reading Response	20%
Final Exam	80%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

Session No.	<i>Main subjects</i>
1	Introduction: Legal interpretation
2	Legal Interpretation and the Role of Law in Society
3	The Meaning of Law in Pluralist Societies
4-6	Globalization, Legal Pluralism, and Law Without a State
7-8	The Constitutive Function of Law: Constructing Transnational Markets
9-11	Global Law: Global Value Chains, Transnational Private Regulation, Governance Beyond the State
12	Constitutionalization Beyond the State: Transnational Human Rights
13	Globalization from Below
14	Globalization and Neoliberal Legality
15	Questions of Methodology in Researching Global Law