

0IDROX01 – The legal dimension(s) of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

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Department: International affairs
Semester: 1

Course level: L3 Undergraduate/ M1 or M2 Postgraduate
Domain: Law and Business
Teaching language: English
Number of in-class hours: 16h30
Number of course sessions: 5 + Exam
ECTS: 3

Course description and objectives

The aim of this course is twofold:

- to provide an insight into current international and interdisciplinary research and thinking on CSR and the law; the reading provided is based on a wide range of academic articles from a variety of countries and disciplines.
- to develop research and theoretical skills by reading and analysing international research material.

Prerequisites

Undergraduate training in law and/or business

Learning outcomes

Students taking this course will gain specific knowledge regarding both the legal regulation of CSR and the influence of CSR on the law. The focus will not be confined to French law but explore issues raised in international law, EU law and common law jurisdictions. Students will be expected to read and research broadly to build their own perspective on complex issues.

Assignments and grading

I) IN-CLASS ORAL ASSESSMENT **50% of your final grade**

II) END OF TERM EXAM **50% of your final grade**

The numerical grade distribution will dictate the final grade. The passing grade for a course is 10/20.

Class participation: Active class participation – this is what makes classes lively and instructive. Come on time and prepared. Class participation is based on quality of comments, not quantity.

Exam policy: In the exam, students will not be allowed to bring any document (except if allowed by the lecturer). Unexcused absences from exams or failure to submit cases will result in zero grades in the calculation of numerical averages. Exams are collected at the end of examination periods.

Course structure

Session	Topic
1	INTRODUCTION: DEFINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CSR AND THE LAW
2	DEFINING SUSTAINABILITY: THE UN'S SDGs
3	SUSTAINABLE FINANCE IN EU LAW
4	TRANSNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION
5	DUE DILIGENCE RULES AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS
	Final Exam

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Lecturer's biography

Coralie Raffenne holds a Ph.D in law from the University of Warwick (UK) as well as an LLB and an LLM delivered by the University of Kent (UK). She has taught at the University of Warwick, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Reading and Paris II-Assas. She is the author of *La Souveraineté Marchandisée* and *Cosmopolitique du Care*, two monographs which explore the hegemonic legal and economic construction of the corporation and its consequences for tax justice, environmental destruction, and gender inequalities.

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Academic integrity

Be aware of the rules in Université Paris Dauphine about plagiarism and cheating during exams. All work turned in for this course must be your own work, or that of your own group. Working as part of a group implies that you are an active participant and fully contributed to the output produced by that group.