**About the course:**

The course Legal Sociology offers an insight into a social-scientific study of law. The sociological study of law and law-related phenomena has been systematised as a separate sociological specialty, and has resulted in both theoretical and empirical writings that will be discussed in this course. Law was among the central themes in the works of many classical scholars who discussed the role and evolution of law in society. Marx and Weber, for example, were trained in law and, together with Durkheim, devoted their theories to the role of law in society. Those influential classical works were substituted by Post–World War II sociological thinkers such as Gurvitch, Petrazycki and Ehrlich who further developed the sociology of law from a theoretical viewpoint. The most influential theories in modern sociology of law were elaborated by Donald Black, Jürgen Habermas, Niklas Luhmann, Pierre Bourdieu, Michel Foucault, Roberto Mangabeira Unger, and Mathieu Deflem. Legal Sociology can also be considered as an approach in legal scholarship and it definitely benefited from legal scholarship. In this course sociological ideas in law will be presented both through sociological and legal theoretical explorations and through empirical studies on a large number of issues related to law.

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**Course assignments:**

Students are required to deliver a public presentation in which they analyse the academic text, demonstrate its understanding and categorisation into the corpus analysed in lectures. Apart from oral presentation, students have to write a seminar paper that will contain all the elements mentioned above.

**Web site:** <http://www.pravo.unizg.hr/SOC/en/course/legsoc>

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