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SYLLABUS: POL 435 Legal Structure in Russia

Overview

The goal of this course is to provide an understanding of Russia's current legal and political system. Topics include the influence of poverty and wealth on the legal and political system, rise of capitalism and its effect on politics, legal and political reforms under the Gorbachev, Yeltsin and Putin administrations, and intellectual property rights.

Text: Selected current readings assigned by professor

Credits: 3

Prerequisite: N/A

Topics Covered

PART 1: OVERVIEW

- Soviet legal and economic tradition
- Russian legal & economic reform
- Problems of law reform
- Role of Law in Emerging Market Economies

PART 2: RUSSIAN LEGAL SYSTEM

- Overview of the Russian legal system
- Sources and Hierarchy of Law
- Court Systems
- Judges and attorneys
- Russian Constitution
- Civil and Commercial Law

LAW, POLITICS & BUSINESS

- Business, property and privatization
 - Contracts and intellectual property
 - Regulation of foreign investment
 - Anti-monopoly regulation
 - Securities and financial regulation
 - Taxation
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