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Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
KHYL-235	Legal Pluralism: The case of Ottoman Empire and Middle East	1	4	0	0	4	10

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	English
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Masters Degree
Objective	The aim of this course is to analyse the concept of legal pluralism through history by focusing mostly on Ottoman legal history. The limitations of pluralism in early modern and modern age will be discussed. The course also gives the opportunity to analyse the impact of colonialism and post-colonialism on law in Middle East in general.
Content	The concept of legal pluralism The notion of pluralism in the empires The pluralism in the Ottoman Empire
References	Weekly assigned readings, course notes and: General sources Haim Gerber, 1994. State, Society and Law in Islam Ottoman Law in Comparative Perspective, State University of New York Press. Haim Gerber, 1999. Islamic Law and Culture 1600-1840, Brill, Leiden. M. B. Hooker, 1975. Legal Pluralism, An Introduction to Colonial and Neo-colonial Laws, Clarendon Press. Joseph Schacht, 1979. The Origins of Muhammadan Jurisprudence, Oxford University Press.

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Introduction
2	What is legal pluralism?
3	Legal pluralism in empires, an introduction:
4	Legal Pluralism in early centuries of Islam:
5	Legal Pluralism in Ottoman Law: A general survey
6	Legal pluralism in 19th century: case studies
7	Legal pluralism in 20th century: case studies
8	Presentation
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