

A Common Course in Real Estate Law

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ABSTRACT

1. Real Estate Law consists of several subjects: (a) different interests in land, conveyancing, mortgaging, registration, tenancy, easements and other encumbrances and (b) eminent domain, survey law and planning. A more broad definition would perhaps also include subjects such as environmental law and tax law. Most surveyors are educated in domestic law in these areas. This papers proposes a course that contains only the subject under (a) above.
2. Comparing between different legal solutions strengthens the understanding of the laws in one's own country. Participation from surveyors in international projects are common today and knowledge of the legal situation in the project land enhances the surveyor's possibilities to perform well. The conclusion is that education in international Real Estate Law should be provided in the academic surveyor's programmes.
3. Courses in Real Estate Law have been arranged for several years at for instance the Swedish surveyor programmes. However good these courses may be, their quality would be increased if an international co-operation could be established within FIG.
4. The article outlines what such a co-operation could look like and talk about the ultimate goal, namely an standardised international course, certified by FIG and a necessary part of the internationally working surveyor's CV.

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