

Course: SW 502

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- Law, Society and Social Change
- Emerging Issues and concerns of lesbians, gays, bi-sexuals, trans-gendered (LGBT)
- Legal and public advocacy, PIL, legal literacy, free legal aid and RTI

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