



ASSIGNMENT

Prepare a **four to five page** paper on the topic of human rights treaty body reformation.

Deadline: 22 October 2004

To be turned in at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (see directions below)

Deliver the paper to the Reception Desk (open until 16:00!) to the attention of Maria Lundberg

The paper should be no more than five pages (five pages and one word is too much) and no less than four pages. Standard paper formatting should be used according to the NCHR Style Manual which is available online as part of the NCHR Student Handbook at the following website:

www.humanrights.uio.no/studier/master/Student%20Handbook.pdf

There has been significant debate within the United Nations and among the various states, as well as between academics and practitioners, that the human rights treaty bodies are in need of reform. Some alternatives that have been offered are a new common treaty body for all treaties, a human rights court, and reform of the existing treaty bodies.

In your paper you should consider whether there are problems with the human rights treaty bodies.

If you believe there are no problems, you should explain why and discuss the claims that reform is necessary, attempting to refute arguments for change.

If you believe there are problems, you should discuss the source and nature of the problems and the alternatives that have been offered and offer your own recommended solution and supporting reasoning.

Whichever position you take, you should distinguish whether any problems or claimed problems are legal or political issues. You should also consider the connection that the treaty bodies have to the rest of the United Nations or to other organizations and the effect that any changes might have on them.

Map to the NCHR:

The NCHR is #16 on the map. Domus Periferia is #12. The building is open until 16:00 only. Delivery will not be possible after that time.

