

# HUMR4504 HUMAN RIGHTS IN PRACTICE

## AVAILABLE INTERNSHIPS 2018

For the purposes of HUMR4504, there are three categories of internships:

- One, pre-arranged internships, mainly our internal NCHR internships, but also with some external partners. Here the host institution has committed to receive one (or more) of our student(s). Based on current information, it seems that there will be approximately 15 pre-arranged internships in 2018. To apply for these internships, please submit the application form posted on the course website to Peris Jones, [p.s.jones@nchr.uio.no](mailto:p.s.jones@nchr.uio.no). **Application deadline: Friday 2nd February at 13:00!**
- Two, pre-approved internships. These are internships which are available through open, public competition, but which are pre-approved in the sense that you if you obtain any of these internships, you are guaranteed to have the internships approved for the course. Please note that if an institution is missing on the list below, this does not suggest any presumption that the institution will not be approved – only that we have had no previous dealing with them in this course. To apply for these internships, follow the procedures for the relevant internships. If you obtain such an internship, please contact the course coordinator at the earliest opportunity. If you don't have such an internship **confirmed** before the application deadline for the pre-arranged internships, please submit an application for the pre-arranged internships as well.
- Three, internships which are available through open, public competition or through private initiatives, but which are not pre-approved by us. You are most encouraged to find an internship with other institutions than those we have listed, but if you do, you must apply to the course coordinator to have the internship approved for the course. If you obtain such an internship, please contact the course coordinator at the earliest opportunity. If you don't have such an internship **confirmed and approved** before the application deadline for the pre-arranged internships, please submit an application for the pre-arranged internships as well.

Questions may be directed to Peris Jones, [p.s.jones@nchr.uio.no](mailto:p.s.jones@nchr.uio.no), phone +47 22 84 20 84.

## PRE-ARRANGED INTERNSHIPS

### # 1

#### **THE NORWEGIAN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT**

The NCHR International Department has an extensive network of cooperating partners, including academic institutions, UN organs, state institutions, and civil society organisations. Vietnam, Indonesia and China have historically been prioritised countries. The International Department's work is structured around the following 6 themes, with possible internship options corresponding, as follows:

- Human Rights Education
- Rule of Law
- Freedom of Religion or Belief
- Human Rights and Business
- Equality and non-discrimination
- Human Rights Mechanisms

(see [The NCHR International Department - Norwegian Centre for Human Rights](#))

Examples of possible internships include:

#### **INTENSIVE COURSE IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS**

The intensive course will be held 3-7 September 2018, but preparations will start early this year. In 2018, the course was attended by participants from Iran, Uganda, Norway, Indonesia, China, Vietnam, Cuba, Palestine, Bolivia, Myanmar, Georgia, Iraq and Colombia. Some were working for government ministries, while others represented civil society organizations, law offices and academia.

Read more on: <http://www.jus.uio.no/smr/english/about/current/events/2018/bc-17.html>

The intern will work with preparation of the course, including assisting in designing the course schedule, communication with applicants and lecturers, shortlist applicants for travel grants, preparing logistics (travel and all related aspects), preparing reading materials, distribution of information through web and other channels, help with running of the course itself (for example, accompanying participants to institutional visits at the Supreme Court, National Human Rights Institution etc.), and assessment of the course.

Applicants for the internship should have good English language, communications, and organising skills. Contact Aksel Tømte (aksel.tomte@nchr.uio.no) for further information.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS**

To reduce the ‘implementation gap’ in human rights, the NCHR works to increase the civil society awareness of the work conducted by the OHCHR and the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) in order to make state authorities honour their human rights obligations. The NCHR supports academics and representatives of civil society from our partner countries to participate as independent observers during UN human rights hearings. During 2017-2019, the NCHR will attend UPR hearings of Indonesia, China, Vietnam and Iran. Possible tasks for the interns will be assisting in developing activities for the UPR hearings, desk study reports, writing and/or editing, participation in ongoing activities /seminar and other administrative tasks. The intern will be based in Oslo but with opportunities for international travel.

We seek a motivated student with an interest in the UN and human rights mechanisms, strong English language skills and writing ability. Contact Cecilie Figenschou Bakke (c.f.bakke@nchr.uio.no) 3d floor, room 354 for further information.

### **EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The NCHR works to support the realisation of equality and non-discrimination principles in Asia by taking an intersectional approach to discrimination. We cooperate with academic institutions, professional groups and civil society organizations in Asia to enhance their knowledge and practical capacity to meet with different aspects of unequal and discriminatory treatment. For more information see:

<https://www.jus.uio.no/smr/english/about/id/equality/index.html>

We seek 1-2 motivated students interested in equality and non-discrimination issues. Tasks will include desktop/background studies, organization of international seminars or visits, project planning, report writing and general participation in ongoing activities. There may be a possibility for international travel if you choose to do your internship during the fall semester. If you have questions, please contact Elisabeth Bjornstol directly by email: [e.p.bjornstol@nchr.uio.no](mailto:e.p.bjornstol@nchr.uio.no), or just drop by her office: Room 346, Third floor for a chat.

## **RULE OF LAW/ANTI-TORTURE AND POLICE REFORM**

NHCR works in several countries with the aim of improving the human rights compliance of police forces, preventing torture, and averting wrongful convictions, through the introduction of the non-coercive interrogation technique known as “investigative interviewing”. We also work through multilateral channels with the aim of developing global standards for police interviewing.

The intern will participate in ongoing programme activities related to the above-mentioned topic, such as preparing and co-organising project activities (trainings), report writing and/or editing, developing teaching materials, as well as other administrative and topical tasks.

For questions, please contact: Knut D. Asplund (k.d.asplund@nchr.uio.no) office 3XX, 3rd floor.

## **SHAPE SEA BANGKOK/HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION**

NCHR is supporting human rights education at university level in Southeast Asia through SHAPE SEA, a human rights research network. The aim of this cooperation is to promote human rights education in line with strict academic, as well as international human rights standards, and to disseminate such education throughout the ASEAN countries.

One internship is available in association with the Shape Sea. The intern will be based at the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Nakronpathom, Mahidol University, Thailand. Preferable length of internship for 2-3 months. The intern will conduct desktop reviews, draft policy briefs based on research reports, assist in organising seminars and visits, support day to day activities and participate in ongoing activities. More specific tasks may be assigned upon initiation of the internship in dialogue with the intern. If you have questions, please contact Gisle Kvanvig (gisle.kvanvig@nchr.uio.no) office 3XY, 3rd floor.

**NB:** In addition to all of the above, should specific topics, opportunities and interests match related activities of the International Department, there *may* also be an opportunity to sign up for country-specific internships focusing on Vietnam, Indonesia or China.

## # 2

### **THE NORWEGIAN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, TEACHING COOPERATION WITH THE LAW SCHOOL OF YUNNAN UNIVERSITY, CHINA**

The China Autonomy Programme (CAP) was a thematic programme at the NCHR that ended in 2015. One of CAP's activities, for more than a decade, was to run a partnership with a number of Chinese institutions within teaching, education and research. The partnership with the Law School of Yunnan University (LSYU) continued in 2016 and is scheduled to continue also in 2018, and this partnership requires two interns for 3 months during the spring semester. The interns will be based in Kunming, China. Their tasks will include providing teaching assistance, including papering seminars, collecting documentations when needed; conduct research on rights issues of minorities in China, documentation collection and organization; and other work tasks include preparing for guest lectures and main lectures. For further information, please visit CAP's (now historic) website at <http://www.jus.uio.no/smr/english/about/programmes/archive/cap/index.html>, or contact Maria Lundberg at [a.m.c.lundberg@nchr.uio.no](mailto:a.m.c.lundberg@nchr.uio.no).

## # 3

### **THE NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL: NORDEM**

The Norwegian Resource Bank for Democracy and Human Rights (NORDEM) is a civilian capacity provider specialised in human rights and democratisation. Until 31 December 2016, NORDEM was based at the Centre, but it was transferred to the Norwegian Refugee Council as of 1st January 2017. NORDEM's main objective is to enhance the capacity of international organisations working in these fields – such as the OSCE, the UN and the EU. NORDEM recruits, trains and deploys qualified personnel for international assignments. For more information, please visit

<http://www.jus.uio.no/smr/english/about/programmes/nordem/index.html>.

NORDEM will receive two interns, one each semester. The tasks of the interns may include supporting NORDEM in arranging pre-mission briefings: identifying thematic/country experts relevant for the assignment and collect relevant background information on the political/human rights situation in the country of assignment; assisting in the deployment process of personnel to election or human rights missions with the OSCE, the UN, the EU or other organisations; assisting in arranging human rights and election observation trainings or seminars; and providing general support to the NORDEM secretariat. Interns will be based in Oslo.

#### # 4

##### **Norwegian National Institute of Human Rights**

The primary function of the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution is to promote and protect human rights in Norway in accordance with the Constitution, the Human Rights Act and other legislation, international treaties and other international law. <http://www.nhri.no/about-us/category1773.html>

**Please note: an intern possibility is currently being discussed, for which we hope to get confirmation to commence during 2018. In meantime, please contact Peris Jones if you are interested.**

#### #5

##### **UNDP OSLO GOVERNANCE CENTRE**

The Oslo Governance Centre (OGC) works to position UNDP as a champion of democratic governance, both as an end in itself, and as a means to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. This is done through knowledge networking and multi-disciplinary team work, as well as through close partnerships with leading policy and research institutions in different parts of the world. The OGC was established in 2002 as a centre of excellence designed to provide support to the practical and operational work of UNDP in assisting partner countries in developing more democratic and effective forms of governance for sustainable peace and development, and it was reformed in 2015. For further information, please visit [http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/ourwork/democraticgovernance/oslo\\_governance\\_centre/](http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/ourwork/democraticgovernance/oslo_governance_centre/). OGC will receive at least one - two students as interns in 2018. The intern will perform tasks to be described in specific Terms of Reference after discussion between OGC and the successful applicant.

#### # 6

##### **THE NORWEGIAN HUMAN RIGHTS FUND**

The Norwegian Human Rights Fund (NHRF) is a civil society foundation working to protect and promote human rights internationally through direct support to organisations working in the first line of defence for human rights (frontline organisations). The NHRF is today owned by a number of organisations that at the same time constitute the Board of Directors: Amnesty International Norway, Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relation, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions, and the Atlas Alliance. For more information, please visit [www.nhrf.no](http://www.nhrf.no). NHRF will receive two students. The tasks will depend on the candidates but could consist of administrative support,

communication tasks, fundraising support, and provide input on NHRF country and thematic strategies and work. In 2018, one of the two interns may work on developing methods and review of impact in the Fund's human rights work, in conjunction with NCHR. The interns will be based in Oslo.

## # 7

### **MATHARE SOCIAL JUSTICE CENTRE (MSJC) and KATIBA INSTITUTE**

MSJC is a grass roots activist organisation working in Nairobi's oldest informal settlement, Mathare. The intern will work on one of the 5 areas of MSJC's work:

Extrajudicial Executions and Police Brutality; Political Accountability; Participatory Action Research; Reproductive Rights; Land Grabbing and Forced Evictions

(<http://www.matharesocialjustice.org/> )

However, in 2018, MSJC campaign attention will also focus especially on the right to water, which the intern may possibly work on, concerning an emerging and exciting initiative to develop research concerning litigation and social mobilisation (please contact Wangui Kimari: [matharesocialjusticecentre@gmail.com](mailto:matharesocialjusticecentre@gmail.com), but via Peris Jones in the first instance).

In relation, the intern's time in regard to the socio-economic right to water and may also be shared with the Katiba Institute (KI), also located in Nairobi. KI is a legal rights NGO, established in 2011 to promote knowledge and studies of constitutionalism and to facilitate the implementation of Kenya's new constitution. The principal objective of KI is to achieve social transformation through the constitution. KI works to help promote the implementation of the constitution through diverse areas including issues of leadership and integrity, human rights, devolution, gender and electoral issues, appropriation of land and evictions of indigenous people and other long term settlers and protection against illegality and harassment by the police, facilitating public participation (<http://www.katibainstitute.org/about-us/our-team/please>; but please contact Jill Ghai, but via Peris Jones in the first instance).

## #8

### **FOKUS – FORUM FOR WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT (\*NOT AVAILABLE 2018)**

FOKUS – Forum for Women and Development – is a knowledge and resource center for international women's issues with an emphasis on the spreading of information and women-

centered development cooperation. FOKUS' primary goal is to contribute to the improvement of women's social, economic, and political situation internationally. The organization consists of a large number of women's organizations and women's committees in political parties, trade unions, and solidarity and aid organizations. FOKUS works along the three pillars of programming, advocacy and communication. Since 2010 FOKUS has been the Norwegian National Committee for UN Women. For more information, please visit [www.fokusvinner.no](http://www.fokusvinner.no). FOKUS will receive one intern in 2016, preferably from April to June. The intern will be part of the assessment and analysis unit and the intern's tasks will include research and finding and collecting background info for ongoing assessments, write articles for our web pages, and other tasks to be discussed depending on the intern. The intern will be based in Oslo.

### # 9

#### **THE NORWEGIAN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS – AMICUS CURAE**

“Amicus Curae” means “friends of the court”, and refers to the practice of submitting third party interventions to courts in cases of particular interest. The NCHR organises a team for interested students to consider submitting such third party interventions to the European Court of Human Rights. The team will operate for most of 2018, with varying intensity. If you want further information, please contact Gentian.

#### **PRE-APPROVED INSTITUTIONS, TO BE CONTACTED ON YOUR OWN**

- **OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (OHCHR)**
  - Prestigious and popular institution for internships, with hard competition. For information, please visit <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/AboutUs/Pages/InternshipProgramme.aspx>
- **HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH**
  - Also a prestigious and popular institution for internships, with hard competition. For information, please visit <https://www.hrw.org/about/internships>
- **INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS**
  - Another prestigious internship opportunity. For information, please visit <http://www.corteidh.or.cr/index.php/en/about-us/programa-pasantias>. If you

consider applying, please contact Peris Jones for a status update on relevant correspondence between the Court and the NCHR.

- **THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

- The European Court of Human Rights offers internships (traineeships) to students from countries in the Council of Europe area. Please see <http://www.coe.int/en/web/jobs/traineeships> for further information.

- **THE NORWEGIAN HELSINKI COMMITTEE**

- Has a tradition of accepting interns from us, even if we don't have a formal agreement with them. Please visit [www.nhc.no/en](http://www.nhc.no/en) for more information. Please contact Secretary-General Bjørn Engesland at [engesland@nhc.no](mailto:engesland@nhc.no) if you wish to apply. Please note that specific qualification requirements (e.g. language skills) may apply.

- **PLAN NORWAY**

- Plan International is a child-centred community development organization which works with children, their families, communities, organizations and local governments in 50 developing countries across Africa, Asia and the Americas to promote child rights and bring about positive change. See [www.plan-norge.no](http://www.plan-norge.no) or [www.plan-international.org](http://www.plan-international.org) for more information. Plan Norway has been a partner of us for several years, but they are now listed as “pre-approved” rather than “pre-arranged” because they are currently unable to promise capacity to receive an intern. In the past, they have preferred to receive interns in the fall semester. Please contact Katrine Vincent, [katrine.vincent@plan-norge.no](mailto:katrine.vincent@plan-norge.no), to apply.

- **PUBLISH WHAT YOU PAY**

- Publish What You Pay (PWYP) Norway is the Norwegian chapter of the global Publish What You Pay network, which organizes and mobilizes over 800 civil society organizations from over 70 countries in campaigning for transparency and accountability in the payment, receipt and management of revenues from the oil, gas and mining industries, most of them from resource rich developing countries.

For further information about internship opportunities, please contact [monika.zidonyte@pwyp.no](mailto:monika.zidonyte@pwyp.no) or visit [www.pwyp.no](http://www.pwyp.no)

- **SCHOLARS AT RISK**

- Scholars at Risk is an international network of institutions and individuals working to promote academic freedom and to defend the human rights of scholars worldwide, please visit <http://scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu/> for further information. The NCHR has an agreement with their secretariat concerning internship positions for our students, but there are some practical challenges relating to visas, etc., that prevents me from listing this as a pre-arranged internship. Interns will be based in New York City, USA, and will have to find their own funding.

- **THE EUROPEAN WERGELAND CENTRE**

- The European Wergeland Centre (EWC) is a resource centre for education professionals, researchers, civil society, policymakers, parents and students. EWC was established by the Council of Europe and Norway to support member states to bridge policy, research and practice in the field of education for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural understanding. They have their own internship programme, where students from us have been accepted in the past. Please visit <http://www.theewc.org/Content/Who-we-are/Vacancies> for details.

- **NOAS – NORWEGIAN ORGANIZATION FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS**

- NOAS is an independent membership organisation working to protect the rights of asylum seekers in Norway. They receive interns on a sporadic basis, but they have received students from us in the past. Please visit [www.noas.no/en](http://www.noas.no/en) for more information.

- **GENEVA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

- Geneva for Human Rights is a training organisation that offers training activities designed to contribute to human rights implementation at the national level. For information about their internship programme, please visit [http://www.gdh-ghr.org/?page\\_id=20130](http://www.gdh-ghr.org/?page_id=20130).

- **ATLAS**

- The Atlas Alliance works for the fulfillment of the human rights of persons with disabilities in poor countries and for the improvement of their living conditions. For further information about internship opportunities, please contact [trine@atlas-alliansen.no](mailto:trine@atlas-alliansen.no) or visit <http://atlas-alliansen.no/en/>.
- **NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID**
  - Norwegian Church Aid struggles together with people and organisations across the world to eradicate poverty and injustice. The organization provides emergency assistance in disasters and work for long-term development in local communities. Norwegian Church Aid is an ecumenical diaconal organisation for global justice, which works to help the poorest and those in need, regardless of their creed, race, political or religious affiliation. For more information, please visit [www.nca.no](http://www.nca.no).
- **FIVAS – THE ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL WATER STUDIES**
  - FIVAS is a Norwegian “watch dog” organisation with a twofold approach to water. The organization is working with the human right to water and sanitation as well as with social and environmental consequences of hydropower. The organisation was established more than 25 years ago as a reaction to the adverse impacts of dam projects in Sarawak on Borneo and Norwegian involvement in the project. FIVAS has since been involved in the international struggle for the realization of access to safe water and sanitation as a human right, and are now working for sustainable water management both politically and in dialogue with private companies. The organisation has a small staff of two complemented by volunteer effort. For more information, please visit [www.fivas.org](http://www.fivas.org).

**OTHER INTERNSHIPS, WHICH MUST BE APPROVED *AD HOC*  
BY THE COURSE COORDINATOR**

Obviously, we can't provide a complete list of relevant internships in other institutions. You are highly encouraged to search for internships in institutions that work within a field of particular interest to you, and we will provide you with necessary documentation if this is required.

There exist a number of online services that provide directories of available internships. Below are some examples, but please note that listing here does not constitute an endorsement from the NCHR of either the directory or the concrete internships listed.

- <http://www.globalplacement.com/>
- <http://chrgj.org/opportunities/human-rights-opportunities-board/>
- <http://www.goabroad.com/intern-abroad/search/human-rights/internships-abroad-1>

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