

COURSE
HUMR 5131
INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS:
Autumn 2012

Course Outline

LECTURE 1

Introduction

Thursday, 30 August
1015-1200

Structure of the course; seminars & exams. How to Understand and Explain HR. HR as Studied in Anthropology, Political Science, Philosophy and other Disciplines.

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructor: Stener Ekern

James Nickel 2007; Pitarch 2008 (rec).

LECTURE 2

The History of Human Rights. Different Approaches

Thursday, 6 September
1015-1200

Ishay 2008; Moyn 2010.

Room 365 DN

Instructor :Bård A Andreassen

LECTURE 3

Non-Western Approaches to Human Rights with Cases from Japan and Guatemala

Thursday, 13 September
1015-1400

Beitz 2009; Se and Karatsu 2004; Ekern 2004

Room 365, DN

Instructor: Stener Ekern

LECTURE 4

How to Justify Human Rights?

Thursday 20 September
1015-1200

Political and Philosophical Conceptions
 Naturalist and Agreement Theories
 The Right to Have Rights

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructor: Johan Karlsson

Charles Beitz 2009; Buchanan 2010; Ingram 2008; Nussbaum

Schaffer (nd)

LECTURE 5

*Thursday 27 September
0915-1200*

Seminar Room, CA 30

*Instructor: Johan Karlsson
Schaffer*

How to Justify Human Rights?

Which Rights are human Rights?
How to justify Specific Rights; the List Problem.
Minimalism about Human Rights

Nickel 2007; Cohen 2004; Ignatieff 2001

LECTURE 6

*Thursday 11 October
0915-1200*

Seminar Room, CA 30

*Instructor: Johan Karlsson
Schaffer*

How to Justify Human Rights?

Are human rights universal and/or relative, or neither?

Donnelly 2007; Goodhart 2008.

LECTURE 7

*Thursday 18 October
1015-1200*

Room 365 DN

Instructor: Stener Ekern

The Politics of Human Rights.

Commitment and Compliance.

Risse, Ropp & Sikkink 1999; Simmons 2009; Landman 2006.

LECTURE 8

*Thursday 25 October
1015-1200*

Room 365 DN

Instructor: Stener Ekern

The Politics of Human Rights.

Implementation (domestic) and Promotion.

Epp 1998; Montgomery 2001.

LECTURE 9

*Thursday 1 November
1015-1200*

The Politics of Human Rights.

Human Rights and International Implementation..

Seminar Room, CA 30

Forsythe 2006.

Instructor: Nils Butenschön

LECTURE 10

Panel discussion.

*Thursday 8 November
1015-1200*

Seminar Room, CA 30

*Panelists: Nils Butenschön,
Bård A Andreassen, Johan
Karlsson Schaffer, Stener
Ekern*
