

COURSE
HUMR 5131
INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS:
Autumn 2013

Last update: 13 August 2013

Course Outline

LECTURE 1

Introduction

Thursday, 29 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

Nickel 2007; Pitarch 2008 (rec).

LECTURE 2

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

Thursday, 5 September
1015-1200

Se and Karatsu 2004; Ekern 2004

Room 365, DN

Instructor: Stener Ekern

LECTURE 3

The History of Human Rights. Multiple Routes

Monday, 16 September
1015-1200

Hunt 2007; Iriye 2012; Moyn 2010.

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructor: Claudio Corradetti

LECTURE 4

How to Justify Human Rights?

Thursday 19 September
1015-1200

Approaches to the justification of human rights (bottom-up/top-

Seminar Room, CA 30 down), agency, universality, conflicts between rights, grounding principles
Instructor: Claudio Corradetti Griffin 2008

LECTURE 5

Thursday 26 September
0915-1200

How to Justify Human Rights?

The co-originality thesis, human dignity, cultural pluralism

Seminar Room, CA 30

Habermas 1994, 2012; Corradetti 2013

Instructor: Claudio Corradetti

LECTURE 6

Thursday 10 October
0915-1200

Philosophical Skepticism about Human Rights

Bentham and Marx against human rights

Seminar Room, CA 30

Waldron (ed.) 1987.

Instructor: Claudio Corradetti

LECTURE 7

Thursday 17 October
1015-1200

The Politics of Human Rights.

Commitment and Compliance

Room 365 DN

Risse, Ropp & Sikkink 1999; Simmons 2009.

Instructor: Stener Ekern

LECTURE 8

Thursday 24 October
1015-1200

The Politics of Human Rights.

Implementation (domestic) and Promotion

Room 365 DN

Instructor: Stener Ekern

Epp 1998; Montgomery 2001 (rec.), Kennedy 2002 (rec.)

LECTURE 9

Thursday 31 October

The Politics of Human Rights.

Human Rights and International Implementation

1015-1200

Seminar Room, CA 30

Forsythe 2006.

Instructor: Nils Butenschön

LECTURE 10

*Thursday 7 November
1015-1200*

Panel discussion.

Seminar Room, CA 30

*Panelists: Nils Butenschön,
Claudio Corradetti, Stener
Ekern*

LECTURE 11

*Thursday 14 November
1015-1200*

Exam Preparation

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructor: Stener Ekern
