

COURSE
HUMR 5131
INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS:
Autumn 2014

Course Outline

LECTURE 1

Introduction

Tuesday, 26 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

Tuesday, 2 September
1015-1200

Se and Karatsu 2004; Ekern 2004

Room 204, DA

Instructor: Stener Ekern

LECTURE 3

The History of Human Rights. Multiple Routes.

Tuesday, 9 September
1015-1200

Hunt 2007; Iriye 2012.

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructor: Stener Ekern

LECTURE 4

How to Justify Human Rights?

Tuesday 16 September
1015-1200

Approaches to the justification of human rights (bottom-up/top-down), agency, universality, conflicts between rights, grounding principles

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructor: Claudio Corradetti

Griffin 2008

LECTURE 5**How to Justify Human Rights?**

*Tuesday 23 September
0915-1200*

The co-originality thesis, human dignity, cultural pluralism

Seminar Room, CA 30

Habermas 1994; Corradetti 2013

Instructor: Claudio Corradetti

LECTURE 6**Philosophical Skepticism about Human Rights**

*Tuesday 7 October
0915-1200*

Bentham and Marx against human rights

Seminar Room, CA 30

Waldron (ed.) 1987.

*Instructors: Claudio
Corradetti and Inga Bostad*

LECTURE 7**The Politics of Human Rights.**

*Tuesday 14 October
1015-1200*

Human Rights and International Implementation

Seminar Room, CA 30

Forsythe 2006.

Instructor: Nils Butenschön

LECTURE 8**The Politics of Human Rights.**

*Tuesday 21 October
1015-1200*

Implementation (domestic) and Promotion

Seminar Room, CA 30

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

Instructor: Stener Ekern

LECTURE 9**The Politics of Human Rights.**

*Tuesday 28 October
1015-1200*

Commitment and Compliance

Seminar Room, CA 30

Risse, Ropp & Sikkink 1999; Simmons 2009.

Instructor: Stener Ekern

LECTURE 10

*Tuesday 4 November
1015-1200*

**Panel discussion. Current Human Rights Challenges,
Students prepare questions.**

Seminar Room, CA 30

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

LECTURE 11

*Tuesday 11 November
1015-1200*

Exam Preparation

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructor: Stener Ekern
