

## **HUMR5131 Home Examination II - Exam Questions**

Answer one -1- of the following three questions:

### **1. Human Rights and Globalisation**

Humanity is currently experiencing a number of challenges related to different aspects of globalisation, such as: World distribution of wealth and development (as identified in the internationally agreed Sustainable Development Goals); globalisation of conflicts, notably those associated with the so-called War on Terror; the global reach of transnational companies (TNCs); and global climate change. Choose two of these challenges and discuss how human rights are affected. On which level(s) in the international system can such problems be solved? From a policy perspective, how can existing human rights standards and mechanisms be applied?

### **2. The Growing Importance of Human Rights**

It is commonly believed that over the last decades human rights have kept entering the political agenda on the national as well as the international level, and in a wide variety of policy areas. For explaining and understanding the role of human rights in social and political processes such as reforming or even changing regimes (nationally as well as internationally), different scholars offer different answers. Compare and discuss relevant theories about how human rights spread and take hold. Use at least two empirical examples to sustain your argument.

### **3. Human Rights and Cosmopolitanism**

Some prominent contemporary scholars speak of a "cosmopolitan turn" in constitutional theory. The incorporation of human rights standards within domestic jurisdiction has in fact subordinated the constitutional authority of the state to regional and international systems of rights protections. In view of such normative and institutional transformations discuss legal and philosophical arguments for the notion of cosmopolitan law as well as for the ideal of a cosmopolitan constitution.