

COURSE
HUMR 5131
HUMAN RIGHTS IN HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICS
Autumn 2016

Course Outline

LECTURE 1

Introduction

Monday, 29 August
1315-1500

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 (ch 1); Pitarch 2008 (rec).

LECTURE 2

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

Monday, 5 September
1315-1500

Se and Karatsu 2004; Ekern 2004

Room 543, DN

Instructor: Stener Ekern

LECTURE 3

The History of Human Rights. Multiple Routes.

Monday, 12 September
1315-1500

Ishay 2008; Hunt, Ch 3, 2007; Cmiel 2012; Cohen 2007 (rec); Hunt Ch 4, 2007 (rec).

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructor: Stener Ekern

LECTURE 4

The Philosophy of Human Rights (I)

Monday, 19 September
1315-1500

On the concept of rights; the different types of philosophical theories of human rights; how to justify human rights in general

Seminar Room, CA 30

Nickel 2007 (ch 1-4), Griffin 2008 (ch 1-2), Sen 2004 (rec).

Instructor: Jakob Elster

LECTURE 5

*Monday, 26 September
1315-1500*

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructors: Jakob Elster

The Philosophy of Human Rights (II)

Justifying specific rights; which implications follow from a valid human rights claim?

Nickel 2007 (ch 5-6,8-10), Nussbaum 1997 (rec)

LECTURE 6

*Monday, 10 October
1315-1500*

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructors: Jakob Elster

The Philosophy of Human Rights (III)

Criticisms of human rights; conflicts of rights

Waldron 1987 (ch 3+5), Griffin 2008 (ch 3), Nickel 2007 (ch 7)

LECTURE 7

*Monday, 17 October
1315-1500*

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructor: Nils Butenschön

The Politics of Human Rights.

Human Rights and International Implementation

Forsythe 2012.

LECTURE 8

*Tuesday, 24 October
1315-1500*

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructor: Stener Ekern

The Politics of Human Rights.

Implementation (domestic) and Promotion

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

LECTURE 9

*Tuesday, 31 October
1315-1500*

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructor: Stener Ekern

The Politics of Human Rights.

Commitment and Compliance

Risse, Ropp and Sikkink, 2013; Simmons 2009.

LECTURE 10

*Tuesday, 7 November
1315-1500*

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

Seminar Room, CA 30

*Panelists: Nils Butenschön,
Jakob Elster, Inga Bostad,
Stener Ekern*

LECTURE 11

*Tuesday, 14 November
1315-1500*

Exam Preparation

Seminar Room, CA 30

Instructor: Stener Ekern
