

**COURSE**  
**HUMR 5131**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS IN HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICS**  
**Autumn 2017**

*Course Outline*

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**LECTURE 1**

**Introduction**

*Monday, 28 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).

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**LECTURE 2**

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

*Monday, 4 September*  
*1015-1200*

Se and Karatsu 2004; Ekern 2016; Sim (2004) (rec).

*Room 543, DN*

*Instructor: Stener Ekern*

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**LECTURE 3**

**The History of Human Rights. Multiple Routes.**

*Monday, 11 September*  
*1015-1200*

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

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructor: Stener Ekern*

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**LECTURE 4**

**The Philosophy of Human Rights (I)**

*Monday, 18 September*  
*1015-1200*

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; Beitz 2003, Sen 2004

*Instructor: Jakob Elster*

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**LECTURE 5**

*Monday, 25 September  
1015-1200*

*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; Buchanan 2013; Pogge 1995; Nagel 1995 (rec); Griffin 2008 ch 2 (rec).

**LECTURE 6**

*Monday, 09 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 (ie Bentham); Waldron 1989; O'Neill 2005; Nickel 2007 ch 7, 11; Griffin 2008 ch 3 (rec).

**LECTURE 7**

*Monday, 16 October  
1015-1200*

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructor: Nils Butenschön*

**The Politics of Human Rights.**

Human Rights and International Implementation

Forsythe 2012.

**LECTURE 8**

*Monday, 23 October  
1015-1200*

*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**

*Monday, 30 October  
1015-1200*

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructor: Stener Ekern*

**The Politics of Human Rights.**

Commitment and Compliance

Risse, Ropp and Sikkink, 2013; Simmons 2009.

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**LECTURE 10**

*Monday, 6 November  
1015-1200*

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

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

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

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**LECTURE 11**

*Monday, 13 November  
1015-1200*

**Exam Preparation**

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructor: Stener Ekern*

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