

## **COURSE**

### **HUMR 5131**

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS IN HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICS**

**Autumn 2018; Mondays 1015-1200 (except 1<sup>st</sup> lecture, on 27 August, from 1415 to 1600; and 3<sup>rd</sup> lecture, which will take place on Wednesday 12.09 and not Monday 10.09.)**

#### *Course Outline*

#### **LECTURE 1**

#### **Introduction**

*Monday, 27 August  
1415-1600*

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, 3 September  
1015-1200*

Fagan 2017; Se and Karatsu 2004; Ekern 2016; Sim (2004) (rec).

*Aud. 14, DB*

*Instructor: Stener Ekern*

#### **LECTURE 3**

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

*Wednesday, 12 September  
1015-1200*

On the concept of rights; different philosophical approaches to human rights.

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructor: Jakob Elster*

Nickel 2007 (ch 1-3); Beitz 2003 (ch 1,3 and 5), Sen 2004 (rec.)  
Pogge 1995 (rec).

#### **LECTURE 4**

#### **The Philosophy of Human Rights (II)**

*Monday, 17 September  
1015-1200*

How to justify human rights; which implications follow from a valid human rights claim?

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructor: Jakob Elster*

Nickel 2007 (ch 4-6); Buchanan 2013 (ch 2); Waldron 1989;  
Nagel 1995 (rec); Griffin 2008 ch 2 (rec); Nussbaum 1997 (rec):

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**LECTURE 5**

*Monday, 24 September  
1015-1200*

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructors: Stener Ekern*

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

Ishay 2008; Hunt 2007; Cmiel 2012; Cohen 2007 (rec).

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**LECTURE 6**

*Monday, 08 October  
1315-1500*

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructors: Jakob Elster*

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

Criticisms of human rights; relativism and human rights; agreement theories of human rights.

O'Neill 2005; Donnelly 2007; Beitz 2009 (ch 4).

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**LECTURE 7**

*Monday, 15 October  
1015-1200*

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructor: Nils Butenschön*

**The Politics of Human Rights.**

Human Rights and International Implementation

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**LECTURE 8**

*Monday, 22 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.)

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**LECTURE 9**

*Monday, 29 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, 5 November  
1015-1200*

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

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Panelists: Nils Butenschön,  
Gentian Zyberi, Stener Ekern*

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**LECTURE 11**

*Monday, 12 November  
1015-1200*

**Exam Preparation**

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructor: Stener Ekern*

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