

Exam questions autumn HUMR 5131 2019

1. "It is often claimed that human rights are interrelated, indivisible and mutually supportive. On the other hand, there are perspectives concerning how human rights can also be in conflict with one another, for instance in the case of the freedom of religion or belief v. the freedom of expression. Discuss these competing perspectives. Use at least two examples of how different rights can be mutually supportive and/or come into conflict with each other."
2. "Since the end of World War II, the founding of the UN and the adoption of the UDHR in the late 1940s, by and large human rights have established themselves as a kind of blueprint for modern, democratic government in the nation-states of the world. However, the record of human rights implementation within these same nation-states presents, on most accounts, a rather variable picture. What, then, are some of the factors that explain the successes or failures of human rights implementation in a given country? Illustrate by reference to at least two countries."
3. "It is not uncommon to hear that many alleged rights are not "real" human rights. On what grounds can one argue that an alleged human right is not a real human right, and how can such arguments be countered?"