

## **COURSE**

### **HUMR 5131**

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

**Autumn 2019; Mondays 1015-1200 (except 1<sup>st</sup> lecture, on 26 August, from 1315 to 1500, and 2<sup>nd</sup> lecture, which will take place on Tuesday, 3 September and not Monday)**

#### *Course Outline*

#### **LECTURE 1**

#### **Introduction**

*Monday, 26 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**

*Tuesday, 3 September  
1015-1200*

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

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructor: Stener Ekern*

#### **LECTURE 3**

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

*Monday, 9 September  
1015-1200*

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

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructor: Stener Ekern*

#### **LECTURE 4**

#### **The Politics of Human Rights (I).**

*Monday, 16 September  
1015-1200*

Human Rights and International Implementation

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

Forsythe (2012).

*Instructor: Stener Ekern*

**LECTURE 5**

*Monday, 23 September  
1015-1200*

*Seminar Room, CA 30*

*Instructors: Stener Ekern*

**The Politics of Human Rights (II).**

Implementation (domestic) and Promotion

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

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**LECTURE 6**

*Monday, 07 October  
1315-1500*

*DN Room 540*

*Instructors: Jakob Elster*

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

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

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

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**LECTURE 7**

*Monday, 14 October  
1015-1200*

*DN Room 540*

*Instructor: Jacob Elster*

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

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

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 8**

*Monday, 21 October  
1015-1200*

*DN Room 543*

*Instructor: Jacob 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 9**

*Monday, 28 October  
1015-1200  
DN Room 540*

*Instructor: Stener Ekern*

**The Politics of Human Rights (III).**

Commitment and Compliance

Risse, Ropp and Sikkink, 2013; Simmons 2009.

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**LECTURE 10**

*Monday, 4 November  
1015-1200*

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

*DN Room 540*

*Panelists: Stener Ekern and  
available NCHR teachers*

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**LECTURE 11**

*Monday, 11 November  
1015-1200*

**Exam Preparation**

*DN Room 340*

*Instructor: Stener Ekern*

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