

## **HUMR5132 HUMAN RIGHTS LAW IN CONTEXT**

### **COURSE OUTLINE, AUTUMN 2014**

- Time:** Mondays at 8.15-10.00 + Three Thursdays at 12.15-14.00  
First lecture 15 September, final lecture 13 November
- Coordinator:** Vibeke Blaker Strand
- Lecturers:** See description for each lecture
- Venue:** NCHR (Cort Adelers gt. 30), seminar room “Asbjørn Eide”

#### **LECTURE 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE**

Monday 15 September at 8.15-10.00

*Vibeke Blaker Strand*

#### **PREPARATORY READING:**

- Beth Simmons, ‘Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics’ (2008), pp. 1-22 (22 pages)
  - George Christie, ‘Philosopher Kings? The Adjudication of Conflicting Human Rights and Social Values’ (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011), pp. 3-11 (8 pages).
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#### **LECTURE 2: BEARERS OF RIGHTS**

Monday 22 September at 8.15-10.00

*Claudio Corradetti and Vibeke Blaker Strand*

#### **PREPARATORY READING:**

- Javaid Rehman, *International Human Rights Law*, (Pearson, 2nd ed., 2010), read chapter 16 or 17 (42 pages)
  - Griffin, James (2008), *On Human Rights*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 83-110 (28 s.)
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### **LECTURE 3: WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

Monday 6 October at 8.15-10.00

*Anne Hellum*

#### **PREPARATORY READING:**

- Javaid Rehman, *International Human Rights Law*, (Pearson, 2nd ed., 2010), pp. 511-554 (44 pages)
  - Rikki Holtmaat (2013): 'The CEDAW: a holistic approach to women's equality and freedom', In A. Hellum and H. Sinding Aasen. *Women's Human Rights*. Cambridge University Press, 95-124 (29 pages)
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### **LECTURE 4: EQUALITY AND FREEDOM OF RELIGION**

Monday 13 October at 8.15-10.00

*Claudio Corradetti and Vibeke Blaker Strand*

#### **PREPARATORY READING:**

- Brian Barry: 'Liberal States and Illiberal Religions' in *Culture and Equality*, Cambridge, Mass, Harvard University Press, 2001: 155-193 (38 pages)
  - Martha C. Nussbaum: 'The Role of Religion in *Women and Human Development: The Capabilities Approach*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000: 206-240 (34 pages)
  - Corradetti, Claudio, 'What does cultural difference require of human rights' in C. Holder and D. Reidy (eds.), *Human Rights. The Hard Questions*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013: 136-149 (13 pages)
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**LECTURE 5: EQUALITY - WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON DISABILITY RIGHTS AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

Monday 20 October at 8.15-10.00

*Ronald Craig and Kjersti Skarstad*

**PREPARATORY READING:**

- Javaid Rehman, *International Human Rights Law*, (Pearson, 2nd ed., 2010), read Chapter 15, 16 or 17 (42 pages)
  - Ronald Craig, 'Systemic Workplace Discrimination: Enforcing Employer-Driven Self-Regulation' in M. Langford (ed.), *Equality and Social Rights: International Law in Context* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), Chapter 14. (18 pages)
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**LECTURE 6: SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS**

Monday 27 October at 8.15-10.00

*Malcolm Langford*

**PREPARATORY READING:**

- Jeremy Waldron, 'Socio-Economic Rights and Theories of Justice', in Thomas Pogge (ed.), *Freedom from Poverty as a Human Right* (Paris: UNESCO), pp. 21-49 (26 pages)
  - Malcolm Langford (ed.), 'Justiciability of Social Rights: From Practice to Theory, Social Rights Jurisprudence: Emerging Trends in *International and Comparative Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), pp. 3-45 (42 pages)
  - Sandra Fredman 'Engendering socio-economic rights' in A. Hellum and H. Sinding Aasen (ed.) *Women's Human Rights*. Cambridge University Press, 2013: 217-242 (25 s.)
  - Theo Van Banning, *The Human Right to Property* (Antwerpen: Intersentia, 2002), pp. 33-79 (46 pages)
  - Don Fleming, 'Legal aid and human rights', Paper presented to the International Legal Aid Group Conference, Antwerp, 6-8 June 2007, pp. 1-35 (35 pages)
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## **LECTURE 7: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS**

Thursday 30 October at 12.15-14.00

*Stener Ekern*

### **PREPARATORY READING:**

- Anne Phillips, *Gender & Culture*, Cambridge: Polity Press, 2010: 16-37 (22 pages)
  - Eric Barendt, *Freedom of Speech* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 1-73 (73 pages)
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## **LECTURE 8: MINORITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

Monday 3 November at 8.15-10.00

*Maria Lundberg and Stener Ekern*

### **PREPARATORY READING:**

- Javid Rehman, *International Human Rights Law*, (Pearson, 2nd ed., 2010), pp. 472-510 (39 pages).
  - Asbjørn Eide 'The Framework Convention in Historical and Global Perspective' in Mark Weller (ed.) *The Rights of Minorities. A commentary on the Europe,an Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities*, Oxford University Press, 2005 (22 pages).
  - Ekern, Stener, 'The Production of Autonomy: Leadership and Community in Mayan Guatemala' in *Journal of Latin American Studies* 43 (Issue 1, February, 2011), pp 93-119. (26 pages).
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## **LECTURE 9: TORTURE**

Thursday 6 November at 12.15-14.00

*Cecilia M. Bailliet*

### **PREPARATORY READING:**

- Javaid Rehman, *International Human Rights Law*, (Pearson, 2nd ed., 2010), pp. 808-853 (45 pages)
  - Nora Sveaass, 'Destroying minds: Psychological Pain and the Crime of Torture' in *New York City Law Review*, Vol. 11 No. 2 (2008), pp. 303-324 (17 pages)
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## **LECTURE 10: ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES**

Monday 10 November at 8.15-10.00

*Jemima Garcia-Godos and Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen*

### **PREPARATORY READING:**

- Javaid Rehman, *International Human Rights Law*, (Pearson, 2nd ed., 2010), pp. 855-878 (23 pages).
  - Naomi Roht-Arriaza, *The Pinochet Effect: Transitional Justice in the Age of Human Rights* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2005), pp. 97-117 (21 pages)
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## **LECTURE 11: EXAM PREPARATION**

Thursday 13 November at 12.15-14.00

*Vibeke Blaker Strand*