

HUM5132 – Human Rights Law in Context, Autumn 2021

Instructions about the Oral Debate

1. Each debating exercise shall involve two students. These debates will take place on **2 and 3 December 2021 in Seminar room 6113, 6th floor Domus Juridica or via Zoom (access to the meeting via Canvas), starting from 09:00**. Students are assigned their specific topic (including whether they are for or against the statement) and the time of the presentation (*see the schedule*). Please be there 15 minutes before you are scheduled to present.
2. Each student will have about **8 minutes** to present his or her position (*make sure to time your presentation beforehand!*). Each presentation shall be followed by **5 minutes of questions** from the examiners (the Q&A session). Afterwards, the examiners will give some feedback to both students about their performance. The grades will be announced shortly after the exam by the student administration.
3. The students have to present arguments supporting their side in the debate question. Having to defend a specific view is common practice, if one is working as a State official, a lawyer, a NGO activist, or other human rights professional.
4. The student performance in the debate will be graded as pass-fail by the examination commission (see the [UiO grading system](#)).
5. The three main guidelines for assessing the student performance in the debate will be the ability of the student:
 - i. To clarify the conceptual issues involved and articulate the different types of arguments by drawing on the main disciplines in the course – law, political and social sciences, and philosophy.
 - ii. To form a coherent and convincing argument, while at the same time demonstrating credibility in dealing with opposing views and any questions posed by the examiners.

iii. To present the arguments in an understandable and clear manner (good introduction, structured arguments and signposting, conclusion).

6. In order to pass this course, the students need to pass both the oral debate exam (pass-fail system) and the final essay assignment (character grade system, A-F).