

**HUMR5140 INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**  
**COURSE OUTLINE, AUTUMN 2014**

**Time:** Thursdays at 12:15-14:00 (but three Mondays and one Wednesday – see each lecture for details). First lecture Monday 25 August, final lecture Thursday 23 October (11 sessions)

**Coordinator:** Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen

**Lecturers:** Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen, Cecilia M. Bailliet, Jan Helgesen, Joanna Nicholson

**Venue:** NCHR (Cort Adelers gt. 30), Seminar Room “Asbjørn Eide” (exceptions on 1 and 3 September – venue: DA 202 [Teologisk eksamenssal])

Preparatory reading is listed for each lecture in the list below. “Rehman” refers to Javaid Rehman, *International Human Rights Law* (Pearson, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2010), and “Compendium” refers to the compilation of texts that is available for purchase at Gnist Akademika bookstore. Please see the Syllabus/achievement requirements for details. Please also note that announcements about additional reading (cases, reports, suggested supplementary literature, etc.) will be made during the course.

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**LECTURE 1: HUMAN RIGHTS AS LAW: INTRODUCTION TO SOURCES AND METHOD**

Monday 25 August at 14:15-16:00

*Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen*

**PREPARATORY READING:**

- Rehman, pp. 3-27

Students without legal training may find it useful to familiarise themselves with literature not covered by the syllabus, such as textbooks on public international law (look for Shaw, Brownlie, or Evans - but any textbook will do), as well as literature on the role and interpretation of treaties (*e.g.*, Anthony Aust, *Modern Treaty Law and Practice* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007)).

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**LECTURE 2: HUMAN RIGHTS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW**

Thursday 28 August at 12:15-14:00

*Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen*

**PREPARATORY READING:**

- Rehman, pp. 3-27 (also listed under lecture 1)
- Compendium, pp. 3-57

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**LECTURE 3: INTERNATIONAL BILL OF RIGHTS**

Monday 1 September at 8:15-10:00

*Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen*

**PREPARATORY READING:**

- Rehman, pp. 73-180

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**LECTURE 4: THE SCOPE OF APPLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES**

Wednesday 3 September at 12:15-14:00

*Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen*

**PREPARATORY READING:**

- Compendium, pp. 127-141, 185-222

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**LECTURE 5: UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM: CHARTER BODIES**

Monday 8 September at 8:15-10:00

*Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen*

**PREPARATORY READING:**

- Rehman, pp. 28-71
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**LECTURE 6: UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM: TREATY BODIES**

Thursday 11 September at 12:15-14:00

*Cecilia M. Bailliet*

**PREPARATORY READING:**

- Rehman, pp. 113-139 (also listed under lecture 3)
- Compendium, pp. 87-126

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**MID-TERM ESSAY: ASSIGNMENT GIVEN 16 SEPTEMBER, SUBMISSION 26 SEPTEMBER**

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**LECTURE 7: REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM: THE AMERICAS AND AFRICA**

Thursday 18 September at 12:15-14:00

*Cecilia M. Bailliet*

**PREPARATORY READING:**

- Rehman, pp. 271-351

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**LECTURE 8: REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEMS: EUROPE**

Thursday 25 September at 12:15-14:00

*Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen*

**PREPARATORY READING:**

- Rehman, pp. 183-270

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**NO LECTURE IN WEEK 40!**

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**LECTURE 9: HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND RELATED LEGAL REGIMES**

Thursday 9 October at 12:15-14:00

*Joanna Nicholson*

**PREPARATORY READING:**

- Rehman, pp. 715-807

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**LECTURE 10: HUMAN RIGHTS IN NATIONAL LEGAL SYSTEMS**

Thursday 16 October at 12:15-14:00

*Jan Helgesen*

**PREPARATORY READING:**

- Compendium, pp. 58-83, 145-182

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**LECTURE 11: EXAM PREPARATION**

Thursday 23 October at 12:15-14:00

*Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen*

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**FINAL EXAM, HOME ASSIGNMENT:**

**ASSIGNMENT GIVEN 10 NOVEMBER, SUBMISSION 19 NOVEMBER**

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