

HUMR5145 - Human Rights in Asia

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Literature: Compendium; other materials available online through the library (*oria.no*) – Fronter!

Course schedule: See the course website (first lecture on 25 January, last lecture on 15 March)

Place: CA Seminarrom 251, Asbjørn Eide Seminar Room

Date and Time	Topic/ Lecturer	Readings
Lecture 1: 25 January 10:15–12:00	Human rights in Asia: a brief introduction (<i>Gentian Zyberi</i>)	Tae-Ung Baik, <i>Emerging Regional Human Rights System in Asia</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2012), pp. 53-154.
Lecture 2: 26 January 12:15–14:00	Asian values and perspectives on human rights: universality, relativism, or exceptionalism? (<i>Knut D. Asplund</i>)	Richard Robison, 'The Politics of 'Asian Values'', <i>The Pacific Review</i> 9(3) (1996): 309-327. Doh Chull Shin, <i>Confucianism and Democratization in East Asia</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2012), pp. 53-70 and 317-333.
Lecture 3: 1 February 10:15–12:00	The Asian system of human rights: strengths and weaknesses (<i>Gentian Zyberi</i>)	Tae-Ung Baik, <i>Emerging Regional Human Rights System in Asia</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2012), pp. 155-232.
Lecture 4: 2 February	The human rights situation in Vietnam (<i>Gisle Kvanvig</i>)	Bùi Hải Thiêm, 'Pluralism Unleashed: The Politics of Reforming the Constitution in Vietnam', <i>Journal of Vietnamese Studies</i> 9(4) (2014), pp. 1-32.



12:15–14:00		<p>Vu Cong Giao, ‘Prospects and Challenges for Institutional Change in Vietnam: Reflection from the 2013 Constitution’ in <i>Report of Findings: A Baseline Desk Study on Policy Directions and Development Through Vietnam’s Constitutions</i>, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung.</p> <p>Andrew Wells Dang, ‘The Political Influence of Civil Society in Vietnam’, in Jonathan London (ed.), <i>Politics in Contemporary Vietnam: Party, State, and Authority Relations</i> (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), pp. 162-184.</p>
Lecture 5: 8 February 10:15–12:00	The human rights situation in Indonesia (Knut D. Asplund)	<p>Simon Butt, ‘The Position of International Law within the Indonesian Legal System’, <i>Emory International Law Review</i> 28 (2014): 1-28.</p> <p>Anja Jetschke, ‘Linking the Unlinkable? International Norms and Nationalism in Indonesia and the Philippines’, <i>Cambridge Studies in International Relations</i> 66 (1999): 134-171.</p> <p>Adriaan Bedner, ‘Indonesian Legal Scholarship and Jurisprudence as an Obstacle for Transplanting Legal Institutions’, <i>Hague Journal on the Rule of Law</i> 5 (2013), pp 253-273.</p>
Lecture 6: 9 February 12:15–14:00	The human rights situation in China (Cecilie Figenschou Bakke)	<p>Zhou Qi and Andrew J. Nathan ‘Political Systems, Rights and Values’, in Nina Hachigian (Ed.) <i>Debating China. The U.S-China Relationship in Ten Conversations</i> (Oxford University Press 2014), pp. 43-66</p> <p>Jerome A. Cohen, ‘Introductory Reflections’, in Mike McConville and Eva Pils (eds.) <i>Comparative Perspectives on Criminal Justice in China</i> (Edward Elgar 2013), pp. 3-12.</p> <p>Bjorn Ahl, ‘Exploring Ways of Implementing Human Rights Treaties in China’, <i>Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights</i>, Vol 28/3 (2010), pp. 361-403</p>
Lecture 7: 15 February	The rights of migrant workers (Maria Lundberg)	Robyn Iredale and Fei Gao, ‘Overview of Minority Migration’ in Robyn Iredale, Naran Bilik and Fei Guo (eds.), <i>China's Minorities on the Move: Selected Case</i>



10:15–12:00		<p>Studies, (Armonk, New York & London, 2003), pp3-32.</p> <p>Dewen Wang, <i>Rural-Urban Migration and Policy Responses in China: Challenges and Options</i>, ILO Asian Regional Programme on Governance of Labour Migration Working Paper No.15, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, July 2008, 32 pages</p>
<p>Lecture 8: 16 February 12:15–14:00</p>	<p>The rights of minorities and indigenous peoples (Maria Lundberg)</p>	<p>Maria Lundberg, Yong Zhou, ‘Hunting-Prohibition in the Hunters’ Autonomous Area: Legal Rights of Oroqen People and the Implementation of Regional National Autonomy Law’, <i>International Journal on Minority and Group Rights</i> 16 (2009) pp. 349–397</p> <p>James Leibold, ‘Ethnic Policy in China, Is Reform Inevitable?’, Policy Studies 68 (electronic), East West Center, 2013</p>
<p>Lecture 9: 6 March 10:15–12:00</p>	<p>The rights of women (Vibeke Blaker Strand)</p>	<p>Byrnes and Bath, ‘Violence against Women, the Obligation of Due Diligence, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women – Recent Developments’, <i>Human Rights Law Review</i> 8:3 (2008), 517-533</p> <p>Javaid Rehman, ‘The rights of women’ in Javaid Rehman, <i>International Human Rights Law</i>, 2nd edition (Pearson Education Limited, London, 2010), pp.511-553</p> <p>Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, ‘Concluding comments: Indonesia’, 10 August 2007, UN Doc. CEDAW/C/IDN/CO/5</p> <p>Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, ‘Concluding comments: China’, 25 August 2006, UN Doc. CEDAW/C/CHN/CO/6</p> <p>Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, ‘Concluding comments: Viet Nam’, 2 February 2007, UN Doc. CEDAW/C/VNM/CO/6</p>
<p>Lecture 10: 7 March</p>	<p>The rights of children (Vibeke Blaker Strand)</p>	<p>Javaid Rehman, ‘The rights of the child’ in Javaid Rehman, <i>International Human Rights Law</i>, 2nd edition (Pearson Education Limited, London, 2010), pp.555-598</p>



12:15–14:00		<p>Committee on the Rights of the Child, ‘Concluding observations: China’, 24 November 2005, UN Doc. CRC/C/CHN/CO/2</p> <p>Committee on the Rights of the Child, ‘Concluding observations: Indonesia’, 26 February 2004, UN Doc. CRC/C/15/Add.223</p>
<p>Lecture 11: 15 March 10:15–12:00</p>	<p>Ensuring respect for human rights in Asia: challenges and prospects (<i>Gentian Zyberi</i>)</p>	<p>James C. Scott, <i>The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History to Upland Southeast Asia</i> (Yale University Press, 2009), 178-219 (State Evasion, State Prevention: The Culture and Agriculture of Escape).</p> <p>Gary Rhodan and Caroline Hughes, ‘Accountability Coalitions in the Southeast Asian Context’, in <i>The Politics of Accountability in Southeast Asia: The Dominance of Moral Ideologies</i> (Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 27-57.</p>

