

HUMR 5191
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND THESIS DEVELOPMENT
Spring 2019

<p>LECTURE 1</p> <p>Monday 28.01 14:15-16:00 Seminar Room, NCHR</p> <p><i>Bård A Andreassen</i></p>	<p>Introduction to the Course. Designing a Research Project and Developing a Thesis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the course• Methodology and methods• Reflections on ideas for theses from students (group work, plenary discussion)• Methodological approaches in social sciences• On the thesis• On the course essay (exam) <p>Readings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andreassen, Sano and McInerney-Lankford, 2017, ch 1.• Trachtenberg, Mark (2006), <i>The Craft of International History: A guide to method</i>, Princeton University Press, 2006, Ch. 1, pp 1-29. <p>Recommended reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dessler, David (1991), "Beyond Correlations: Toward a Causal Theory of War", in <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>, 35 (3), pp 337-355. (rec.)
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<p>LECTURE 2</p> <p>Wednesday 04.02 14:15-16:00 Seminar Room, NCHR</p> <p><i>Instructors: Gentian Zyberi and Bård A Andreassen</i></p>	<p>Human rights research: Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research – law and other social sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On research question, research design and mixed methods (triangulation) • Formulating a research question in the social sciences, with a lawyer’s comments • Formulating a legal problem (case discussion with comments from a social scientist) • Group work: Research questions <p>Readings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zyberi, Gentian (2015), “The Role and Contribution of International Courts in Furthering Peace as an Essential Community Interest”, in Cecilia M. Bailliet and Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen (eds.), <i>Promoting Peace Through International Law</i>, Oxford Univ. Press, Ch 17, pp 344-367. • Kanstrom, Daniel, “On “Waterboarding”: Legal Interpretation and the Continuing Struggle for Human Rights”, <i>Boston College Third World Law Journal</i>, Vol 28 (2008), pp 269-287. • Landman, Todd (2006), <i>Studying Human Rights</i>, Introduction, London and New York: Routledge, Ch 1, pp 1-18. • Montgomery, Heather, “Imposing Rights? A Study of Child Prostitution in Thailand”, in Cowan et. al., <i>Culture and Rights. Anthropological Perspectives</i>, Cambridge University Press 2001, pp 80-102. • Langford, Malcolm (2017), “Interdisciplinarity and multimethod research”, in Andreassen et al, <i>Research Methods in Human Rights: A Handbook</i>, London: Edward Elgar, Ch 8, pp 161-191.
<p>LECTURE 3</p> <p>Wednesday 06.02 14:15-16:00 Seminar Room, NCHR</p> <p><i>Instructors: Gentian Zyberi</i></p>	<p>Research Topics and Legal Problems</p> <p>Designing a legal research question: choosing or combining different approaches and methods: positivism, comparative approach, empiricism, qualitative and quantitative research.</p> <p>Readings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brems, Eva (2009), “Methods in legal human rights

	<p>research”, in F. Grünfeld and M T Kamminga (eds.) <i>Methods of Human Rights Research</i>, pp 77-89.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheinin, Martin (2017), “The art and science of interpretation in human rights law”, in Andreassen et al, <i>Research Methods in Human Rights: A Handbook</i>, London: Edward Elgar, Ch 2, pp. 17-37
<p>LECTURE 4</p> <p>Monday, 11.02 14:15-16:00 Seminar Room, NCHR</p> <p><i>Instructor: Bård A Andreassen</i></p>	<p>Designing a research project: A cross disciplinary project on the right to adequate food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landman, Todd (2006), Ch 3, pp 36-57. • Engle Merry, Sally (2017), The potential of ethnographic methods for human rights research, in Andreassen et al, <i>Research Methods in Human Rights: A Handbook</i>, London: Ed Elgar, Ch 7, pp 141-160. • Handout of case, group work, discussion
<p>LECTURE 5</p> <p>Monday, 25.02 14:15-16:00 Seminar Room, NCHR</p> <p><i>Instructor: Gentian Zyberi</i></p>	<p>Legal Method in International Law: Theory and Practice</p> <p>Theory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focarelli, Carlo (2012), <i>International Law as Social Construct: The Struggle for Global Justice</i>, Oxford Univ. Press, pp 89-140. <p>Practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict, A/HRC/29/52, 24 June, 2015
<p>LECTURE 6</p> <p>Monday, 04.03 14:15-16:00 Seminar Room, NCHR</p> <p><i>Instructor: Hilde Westbye</i></p>	<p>Exploring the Sources and Using them in Your Thesis</p>

<p>LECTURE 7</p> <p>Monday 11.03 14:15-16:00 Seminar Room, NCHR</p> <p><i>Instructor: Bård A Andreassen</i></p>	<p>Case studies and comparative method</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andreassen, Bård Anders (2017), “Comparative analyses of human rights performance” in Andreassen et al. (eds.), <i>Research Methods in Human Rights: A Handbook</i>, London: Edward Elgar, Ch 10. • Andreassen, Bård Anders and Gordon Crawford (2015), “Human Rights and Development: Putting Power and Politics at the Center”, <i>Human Rights Quarterly</i>, Volume 33 (3), pp 662-691. • Hans-Otto Sano and Tomas Max Martin, “Inside the organisation: Methods of researching human rights and organisational dynamics” in Andreassen et al (eds.), <i>Research Methods in Human Rights: A Handbook</i>, London: Edward Elgar, Ch 11.
<p>LECTURE 8</p> <p>Monday 18.03 14:15-16:00 Seminar Room, NCHR</p> <p><i>Instructors: Jakob Elster and Maja Janmyr</i></p>	<p><i>Methods in research ethics</i></p> <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georg Ulrich, “Research Ethics for human rights researchers”, in Andreassen et al, <i>Research Methods in Human Rights: A Handbook</i>, London: Edward Elgar, 9, pp 192-222. <p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Committee for Research Ethics in the Social Sciences and the Humanities (NESH), “The National Committee for Research Ethics in the Social Sciences and the Humanities (NESH) ” – Guidelines for Research Ethics in the Social Sciences, Humanities, Law and Theology https://www.etikkom.no/en/ethical-guidelines-for-research/guidelines-for-research-ethics-in-the-social-sciences--humanities-law-and-theology/
<p>LECTURE 9</p> <p>Wednesday, 20.03 14:15-16:00</p>	<p><i>Methods in ethics and political philosophy</i></p> <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian List and Laura Valentini "The

<p>Seminar Room, NCHR</p> <p><i>Instructor: Jakob Elster</i></p>	<p>Methodology of Political Theory " in The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology Edited by Herman Cappelen, Tamar Szabó Gendler, and John Hawthorne (2016).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T. M. Scanlon, "The Aims and Authority of Moral Theory" in <i>Oxford Journal of Legal Studies</i>, Volume 12, Issue 1, 1 March 1992, Pages 1–23 <p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swift, A. & S. White (2008): "Political theory, social science, and real politics", <i>Political Theory Methods and Approaches</i>. Oxford University Press", s. 49-69."
<p>LECTURE 10</p> <p>Friday, 25.03 09:00-15:00 Seminar Room, NCHR</p> <p><i>Instructor: Lynn P Nygaard (PRIO)</i></p>	<p><i>One-day Workshop (6 hrs) in Academic Writing</i></p> <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynn P Nygaard, <i>Writing your Master's Thesis: From A to Z</i>, London: SAGE, 2017.
<p>LECTURE 11</p> <p>Monday, 27.03 14:15-16:00 Seminar Room NCHR</p> <p><i>Instructors: Bård A Andreassen, other lectures if available</i></p>	<p><i>Wrap up, exam preparations</i></p> <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Satterhtwaite and Daniel Kacinski, "Quantitative methods in advocacy-oriented human rights research" in Andreassen et al, <i>Research Methods in Human Rights: A Handbook</i>, London: Edward Elgar, Ch 12.