

COURSE OUTLINE

HUMR 5502

**ETHNIC CHALLENGES TO THE NATION STATE:
STUDYING STATE RESPONSES FROM A HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE**
Autumn 2015 – Wednesdays, 1415-1600 hrs in Seminar Room ‘Asbjørn Eide’,
Room 251, Cort Adellersgate 30 (except for 2 and 23 September, see below)

LECTURE 1

Introduction

Wednesday, 26 August

Structure of the Course

1415-1600, Room 251, CA 30

About the State as an Object of Study (The State as it Appears in Different Disciplines); What is Ethnicity?

*Instructor: Stener Ekern
(course leader)*

Hylland Eriksen 2010 (ch 1-2)

LECTURE 2

Legal Science I: Democracy and Citizenship

Wednesday, 2 September

*1415-1600, Auditorium 6,
Domus Academica*

Eide 2000 (“Citizenship and Int. HR Law”)
Scheinin 2004 (“How to Resolve Conflicts...”)
Zyberi 2009 (“Self-determination ...”)

Instructor: Gentian Zyberi

LECTURE 3

Political Science Perspectives I: Theory

Wednesday, 9 September

1415-1600, Room 251, CA 30

Instructor :Nils Butenschön

Butenschön 2000 (“State, Power and Citizenship. A Theoretical Introduction”)
Kymlicka 2000 (“Modernity and National Identity”)
Lijphart 1977 (“Majority Rule v. Democracy...”)
Eide 2000 (“Citizenship and international human rights law”)
Ghai 2000 (“Ethnicity and Autonomy: A Framework...”)

LECTURE 4

Political Science II

Wednesday, 16 September

1415-1600, Room 251, CA 30

Butenschön (ibid)
Kymlicka (ibid)
Lijphart (ibid)
Eide (ibid)

Instructor: Nils Butenschön

Scheinin 2004 (“How to Resolve Conflicts ...”)
Binningsbø 2013 (“Power sharing ...”)

LECTURE 5

Anthropological Perspectives I: Group Formation

Wednesday, 23 September

Hylland Eriksen 2010 (ch 2-5); Cotterrell 2006 (rec.)

*1415-1600, Auditorium 6,
Domus Academica*

Instructor: Stener Ekern

LECTURE 6

Anthropological Perspectives II: Cases / How to Handle Collective Identities

Wednesday, 7 October

Hylland Eriksen 2010 (ch 6)

1415-1600, Room 251, CA 30

Amit 2002 (“Reconceptualizing Community...”)

Ekern 2003 (“Visions of the Right Order...”)

Instructor: Stener Ekern

D. Gellner 2001 (“From Group Rights to Individual Rights...”)

LECTURE 7

Legal Science II: Autonomy and International Human Rights

Wednesday, 14 October

1415-1600, Room 251, CA 30

Castellino 2008 (“Territorial integrity...”)

Mancini 2008 (“Rethinking the boundaries...”)

Weller 2010 (“Settling self-determination...”)

Instructor: Gentian Zyberi

Zyberi 2013 (“The International Court of Justice ..”)

LECTURE 8

Ethnic Cleansing & The International Criminal Court

Wednesday, 21 October

Paul van Zyl 2005 (“Promoting Transitional Justice ...”)

1415-1600, Room 251, CA 30

Instructor: Jo Stigen

LECTURE 9

Wednesday, 28 October

Case Study I: Zimbabwe. Identity politics and international Human Rights

1415-1600, Room 251, CA 30

Chanock 2011 (“Culture and human rights ...”)
Derman and Hellum 2007 (“Land, identity and violence...”)
Tamale 2013 (“Confronting the Politics ..”)

Instructor: Anne Hellum

LECTURE 10

Case Study II: Constitutionalism and Ethnic Cooperation in China

Wednesday, 4 November

Ghai 2008 (“Constitutionalism and the Challenge of...”)

1415-1600, Room 251, CA 30

Instructor:

LECTURE 11

Exam Preparations

Wednesday, 11 November

1215-1400, Room 251 CA 30

Instructor: Stener Ekern
