

## **HUMR 5702 Human Rights and Sustainable Development: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Theory and Practices (Winter 2019)**

**Exam paper, March 18-29, 2019**

Please answer one of the following questions:

### Question 1

'No development without human rights protection'. Please discuss this statement from the perspective of international human rights law, and make a critical discussion of Sustainable Development Goal 1. In your discussion, you should refer to General Comment 12 adopted by the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. You may also refer to other General Comments of this Committee or other Treaty Bodies.

Have in mind all sectors of human rights, and discuss whether governance is a relevant variable in addressing SDG 1 from a human rights perspective.

### Question 2

Increasingly climate change is being addressed as a human rights issue. Discuss reasons for linking human rights and climate change.

Then discuss two empirical examples that demonstrate the links between climate change and human rights. You may frame this discussion in the context of a particular country of your own choice, and address the issues from the position of international human rights law, as well as the perspective of human rights defenders.

### Question 3

UN General Comment 14 of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Right on the right to health stipulates that "the participation of the population in all health-related decision-making at the community, national and international levels" is a part of the determinants of health (UN, 2000, article 5). Why is participation considered important for health? Give two examples – one positive and one negative - that illustrate your analysis.

**Total length of the essay: 4000 words**

**Please be sure that you refer to literature in the Syllabus. Also, be careful about the structure of the paper, and answer all parts of the question. Referencing should follow one of the styles referred to on this webpage:**

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