**HUMR 4140 Introduction to Human Rights Law**

**Lectures:** Tuesdays, 1215-14:00 (except Lecture 2)

**Coordinator:** Malcolm Langford

**Principal Lecturers:** Malcolm Langford and Cecilia M. Bailliet

**Place:** Rom 365 Domus Nova (St. Olavs kvartal). Exceptions: Blindern (24 Aug), NCHR (14 Sept and 5 October)

**Textbooks**


**Lecture 1: International Law and Human Rights: History, Concepts and Trajectory**

24 August *(Lecturer: Malcolm Langford)*


http://www.law.harvard.edu/students/orgs/hrj/iss15/kennedy.shtml


**Cases and Documents**

UN Charter 1945 and Universal Declaration of Human Rights

**Lecture 2: International Bill of Rights**

31 August *(Lecturer: Malcolm Langford)*


**Cases and Documents**

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1966
Lecture 3: United Nations Human Rights System
14 September (Prof. Cecilia Baillet, Faculty of Law)


Cases and Documents

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 2008

Security Council resolution 1379 (2001) on "Children and armed conflict"


Seminar I: International Criminal Law
21 September (Lecturer: Christian Rannheim, ICC Legal Tools Coordinator, NCHR)


Cases and Documents

Rome Statute

*Cases to be announced*
Lecture 4: Regional Human Rights Systems,
28 September (Prof. Cecilia Baillet, Faculty of Law)


Cases and Documents (Read instruments from 2 of 4 jurisdictions)

European Convention on Human Rights and Revised European Social Charter

Inter-American Convention on Human Rights and Inter-American Declaration on Human Rights


ASEAN Charter (Article 14) and Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism Statement on the ASEAN Charter

Kozak v. Poland, Application No. 13102/02, Date of Decision: 2 March 2010, European Court of Human Rights.


SERAC v Nigeria, African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, 155/96 (‘SERAC Case’).

Lecture 5: Human Rights in National Legal Systems
5 October (Lecturer: Malcolm Langford)

Steiner, Alston & Goodman 2007 pp. 1087-1123.


Cases and Documents

Bill of Rights Extracts
Water Services Act (South Africa) - Extract

Baker v Canada (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration), [1999] 2 SCR 817

Government of the Republic of South Africa. & Ors v Grootboom & Ors 2000 (11) BCLR 1169. (CC)
Seminar II: Exercise  
12 October (Prof. Cecilia Baillet, Faculty of Law)

Lecture 6: Civil and Political Rights  
26 October (Prof. Cecilia Baillet, Faculty of Law)

Steiner, Alston & Goodman 2007 pp, 175-262.


Cases and Documents

Convention Against Torture

Convention on Disappearances

TV Vest AS & Rogaland Pensjonisparti v Norway [2008] ECHR 21132/05 (11 December 2008)

Lecture 7: Economic and Social Rights  
2 November (Lecturer: Malcolm Langford)

Steiner, Alston & Goodman 2007 pp 263-311;


Plus either the India or South Asia chapter in in Langford, Social Rights Jurisprudence.

CESCR, General Comment No. 3 and No. 15


Lecture 8: Equality Rights,  
9 November (Ronald Craig, Senior Advisor, Equality Ombudsman)

Steiner, Alston & Goodman 2007, CEDAW Section


Cases and Documents

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
Seminar III: Indigenous Peoples Rights,
16 November (Asbjørn Eide, Emeritus Professor)


Cases and Documents:

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

ILO Declaration 169

Mabo & Ors v. Queensland (No. 2) [1992] HCA 23; (1992) 175 CLR 1, per Brennan J, (extract)

Awas Tingis v Nicaragua, Merits, Reparations and Costs. Judgement of August 31, 2001. Series C. No.79. (extract)


Lecture 9: Extra-territorial obligations, duties of non-state actors
23 November (Lecturer: Malcolm Langford)


Cases and Documents:

Banković and Others v. Belgium and Others (Application No. 52207/99), Decision of 12 December 2001