

## **MIDTERM ESSAY FOR HUMR 5131 AUTUMN 2011**

Deadline: 10 Oct- 14 November, 2011, at 1200hrs. ( submission in Fronter)

### **PLEASE ANSWER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

#### 1. Human rights and regime change

The current *Arabic Awakening* has led to political upheavals and dramatic political events in several North African and Arabic countries. These events are sometimes being described as “social media revolutions”. To what extent can these events be said to represent a quest for human rights advocacy and regime transition? Discuss new forms of communication as mechanism for human rights demands in these processes.

#### 2. Conflicts between human rights

It is often claimed that human rights are interrelated, indivisible and mutually supportive. On the other hand, in public debates it is sometimes alleged that human rights may be in conflict, e.g. freedom from racism and freedom of expression. Discuss the following statement: “A human right can be in conflict with one or several other human rights”. Do you agree or disagree? Give at least three examples to support your position.