

## HUMR 5133 Business and Human Right, Exam Questions Fall Term 2017

Please choose and answer **one** of the two questions below:

### Question 1

A prevalent perspective in contemporary discourses on the ethics of small and large-scale businesses is that “respecting human rights can be part of a standard regulatory regime of businesses; it concerns changing the standard rules of the game”.

1. Discuss this perspective from a human rights angle, including reasons for and against.
2. Then, select and analyse soft human rights initiatives and models (Guiding Principles, General Comments) that have been launched over the last decade to develop practical instruments for business compliance with human rights norms, and how they apply at national and international levels.
3. Discuss normative as well as legal issues that arise and give examples of strengths and weaknesses in operationalization.

### Question 2

Do corporations have human rights duties under international law? Do states have legal obligations to regulate foreign corporations domiciled in their jurisdiction?

Your analysis should address legal approaches to litigation as well as non-legal, voluntary approaches, and cover both national and international levels.

Examine key issues related to the question of remedies for victims of human rights infringements involving transnational corporations and illustrate your analysis with two legal cases in different jurisdictions.

The maximum length of your essay is 4000 words.