

HUMR5132

Autumn 2025 Semester

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Oral Debate Topics

Date and time: 4 December and 5 December

Location: Room 6113, 6th floor DJ. Please be there 15 minutes before. You will be invited into the room when it is your turn to present.

4 December			
Number and time	For	Against	Topic
1. 9.00-9.30	Meerim Abdyldaeva	Cecilia Cora García	Amnesty laws adopted in many Latin American countries in the 1980s comply with relevant international human rights standards and should not be revoked.
2. 9.30-10.00	Idil Altier	Idun Bredal Erikstad	Climate change effects lead to human rights violations and States are subject to specific human rights legal obligations when adopting (or failing to adopt) measures to address the effects of climate change.
3. 10.00-10.30	Emiko Lynn Andrews	Yasyfa Febriani	No State reservations whatsoever should be allowed for the core international human rights treaties and all the rights contained therein.
4. 10.30-11.00	Mario Angkawidjaja	Josefine Gjerde	Any derogations from human rights treaties by States, made in relation to freedom of assembly and freedom of expression during the COVID-19 pandemic, could be fully justified under international human rights law.
5. 11.00-11.30	Chiara Emanuela Castellano	Pernille Myrvang Gjertsen	Every State should abolish the death penalty as a potential punishment.

6. 11.30-12.00	Sofia Maia Ciel	Liv Martine Glosli	The right of a person to the highest attainable standard of health means that a State can itself produce specific medicines, even if it does not have the necessary intellectual property rights (use the COVID-19 vaccines, or HIV-medicines as a potential example).
Break 30 minutes			
7. 12.30-13.00	Michael Grossman	Maria Oline Hafstad	Prostitution should be fully decriminalised to provide the necessary level of human rights protection for sex workers.
8. 13.00-13.30	Brayan Leonardo Gutierrez Chavez	Mari Hauge	Certain discriminatory practices which exist within a religious community should be tolerated, at least to some extent, to ensure the right to freedom of religion or belief.
9. 13.30-14.00	Oda Jensen Gåsvik	Hiram Cuzco Hendriks	The continuous expansion of the human rights legal framework is necessary to adapt to changing societal needs and perspectives. You can jointly choose one emerging human right and focus your arguments on that.
Break 15 minutes			
10. 14.15-14.45	Samara Isak	Annie Skovgaard Sandholdt Jalloh	Whistle-blowers should be immune from criminal prosecution when revealing State surveillance practices that violate individuals' right to privacy or other fundamental human rights.
11. 14.45-15.15	Anisa Izzati	Jan Johan Juchelka	The notion of universality of human rights should be replaced with that of plurality.

5 December			
Number and time	For	Against	Topic

1. 9.00-9.30	Sonja Konheisner	Gumiwang Tri Anugrah Tien Tono Putri	To save thousands of lives from an impending terrorist attack, a State is allowed to use whatever means necessary to stop the alleged terrorists, including through forceful interrogation techniques, arbitrary detention, and extraordinary renditions.
2. 9.30-10.00	Juha Hermann Kortesalmi	Maheswari Trinanda Putri	The determination of whether an ethnic minority should possess some degree of autonomy or self-rule within a State should be made not only by members of the minority, but also by members of the majority in the State concerned. Use a concrete example if possible to ground your arguments.
3. 10.00-10.30	Heldi Marleen Lang	Haili Rao	States can deploy surveillance technology outside their territorial borders to identify and then repel potential asylum-seekers without violating international human rights law.
4. 10.30-11.00	Viet Tung Le	Fernanda Natalie Real Carrillo	When freedom of expression is used to incite hate against certain protected groups, the State is entitled to restrict or deny the right to people to express their opinions, or to assemble and demonstrate for such a cause.
5. 11.00-11.30	Helene Garbenis Moe	Maria Elisa Schauvinhold	The State has a right and obligation to restrict group/collective rights of minority groups and indigenous peoples, if they infringe upon individual rights within that community or for the national society's higher good.

6. 11.30-12.00	Nikola Plavsic	Emma Kihle Stavseth	The right to life protects individuals against the practice of euthanasia and requires the State to criminalize such a practice.
Break 30 minutes			
7. 12.30-13.00	Charlotte Elisabet Wåle Vesterkjær	Anna Witek	Economic, social, and cultural rights are justiciable before domestic courts, regional courts, and the CESCR Committee and not simply standards of achievement. Use a specific right to illustrate your arguments.
8. 13.00-13.30	Mathilde Majgaard Werring		Denying a blind student admission to professional clinical studies in psychology does not constitute unlawful discrimination, since practicing psychologists need to be able to see their patients' reactions and expressions during therapy.