LECTURE 1

Tuesday, 10 January

Introduction to the Course

- Presentation of the course.
- Social science: What is an ‘explanation’? Around what is a thesis in the social sciences constructed?
- Formal requirements

Reading list:

LECTURE 2

Monday, 16 January
(moved from 12.01)

Research Questions and Legal Problems

- Law: What is a legal interpretation? Around what is a thesis in law constructed?

Reading list:

LECTURE 3

Tuesday, 17 January

Research Questions and Legal Problems (continued)

- Formulating a legal problem (case discussion with comments from a social scientist)
Instructors: Stener Ekern and Kjetil M. Larsen

- Formulating a ‘research question’ (with a lawyer’s comments)

Reading list:

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**LECTURE 4**

Thursday, 19 January

**How to Read Statistics**

- How to read statistics

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**Instructor: Senior Researcher Håvard Strand, PRIO**

Reading list: *To be announced*

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**LECTURE 5**

Tuesday, 24 January

**Exploring the Sources and Using them in Your Thesis**

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**Instructor: Head Librarian Kirsten Fuglestvedt**

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**LECTURE 6**

Tuesday, 31 January

**Human Rights Methodology (Operationalisation and Measurement) and Comparative Research Design**

Reading list:

LECTURE 7

Tuesday, 7 February

Legal Method in International Law and Legal Method in Scandinavian Law

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Reading list:

LECTURE 8

Tuesday, 14 February

Modes of Reasoning

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- Construction of arguments, constructions of evidence, making recommendations, policy-making

Reading list (Choose Two of the Four):
-- Social Science: Beth Simmons, Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics (2009), pp. 349-380.

LECTURE 9

Tuesday, 21 February

Sources: A Critical Review
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Instructor: Stener Ekern

- Data, interviews, statistics. Cases, secondary literature, documents, observations, fieldwork, archival material

Reading list:

LECTURE 10

One-day Workshop (6 hrs) in Academic Writing

Tuesday 28 February
0915-1600

Seminar Room, NCHR

Instructor: Lynn P Nygaard, PRIO

Reading list: