COURSE
HUMR 5191
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND THESIS DEVELOPMENT
Spring 2018

Lecture Plan
Mondays 1015-1200 and Fridays 1315-1500
Except Lectures 2 (Wednesday 1415-1600), 8 (Friday, 1015-1200) and 10 (Friday 02.03, all day seminar)

Seminar Room, CA 30

LECTURE 1

Introduction to the Course / Designing a Research Questions and Developing a Thesis

Monday 22.01
1015-1200
Seminar Room, NCHR
Instructor: Stener Ekern

- Presentation of the course.
- Invitation to group work: Ideas for theses from students
- Social science: What is an investigation? What is an ‘explanation’? Around what is a thesis in the social sciences constructed?

Reading list:


-- Preparation / assignment of group work

LECTURE 2

Research Questions and Legal Problems

Tuesday 23.01
1415-1600
Seminar Room, NCHR
Instructor: Gentian Zyberi and Stener Ekern

- Formulating a ‘research question’ in the social sciences, with a lawyer’s comments
- Formulating a legal problem (case discussion with comments from a social scientist)

Reading list:


-- Preparation / assignment of group work

**LECTURE 3**

Research Questions and Legal Problems

*Monday 29.01 1015-1200
Seminar Room, NCHR*

Instructors: Gentian Zyberi

- Designing a legal research question: choosing or combining different approaches and methods: positivism, comparativism, empiricism, qualitative and quantitative research.

Reading list:


**LECTURE 4**

Comparative Method

*Monday, 05.02 1015-1200
Seminar Room, NCHR*

Instructor: Bård A Andreassen


LECTURE 5  Exploring the Sources and Using Them in Your Thesis

Monday, 05.02
1315-1500
Room K 39; Domus Bibliotheca

Instructor: Hilde Westbye

LECTURE 6  Legal Method in International Law

Friday 09.02
1315-1500
Seminar Room, NCHR


Instructor: Gentian Zyberi

LECTURE 7  Case studies: Researcher’s own Research

Monday 12.02
1015-1200
Seminar Room, NCHR


Instructor: Stener Ekern

LECTURE 8  Research in Humanities and Social Sciences. Anthropological Method

Friday, 16.02
1015-1200
Seminar Room, NCHR


Instructor: Stener Ekern


LECTURE 9

Research Ethics and Methods of Ethics

Monday, 26.02  
1015-1200  
Seminar Room


Instructor: Jakob Elster


LECTURE 10

One-day Workshop (6 hrs) in Academic Writing

Friday, 02.03  
1015-1600  
Seminar Room, NCHR

Reading list:  

Instructor: Lynn P Nygaard  
(PRIO)

LECTURE 11

Exam preparations / group work presentations

Monday, 05.03  
1015-1200  
Seminar Room NCHR

Instructors: Stener Ekern, Bård A Andreassen, Gentian Zyberi