# COURSE
HUMR 5501
ETHNIC CHALLENGES TO THE NATION STATE: STUDYING STATE RESPONSES FROM A HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE
Autumn 2009
SYLLABUS

## LECTURE 1
Introduction

**Tuesday, 1 September, 2009, 12:15-14, Room 365 Domus Nova**

Instructors: Stener Ekern (course leader) and Asbjørn Eide

- Structure of the course
- Seminars & Exams
- About the State as an Object of Study
- The State as it Appears in Different Disciplines

## LECTURE 2
Political Science Perspectives I: Theory

**Tuesday, 8 September, 2009, 12:15-14, Room 365, DN**

Instructor: Nils Butenschøn

- Kymlika, “Modernity and National Identity, in compendium
- Lijphart, “Majority Rule v. Democracy…”, in compendium
- Eide, “Citizenship and international human rights law”, in compendium
- Ghai, “Ethnicity and Autonomy”, in compendium

## LECTURE 3
Political Science II

**Tuesday, 15 September, 2009, 12:15-14, Room 365, DN**

Instructor: Nils Butenschøn

- Butenschøn (ibid)
- Kymlika (ibid)
- Lijphart (ibid)
- Eide (ibid)
- Scheinin, Martin, “How to Resolve Conflicts between Individual and Collective Rights?”, in compendium

## LECTURE 4
(Legal Science I: Democracy & Citizenship)

**Tuesday, 22 September 2009, 12:15-15, Room 365, DN**

Instructor: Mads Andenæs

## LECTURE 5
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<td>Stephen Karanja, Post-election violence in Kenya: Sowing democracy in a constitutionalism vacuity, 21pp. (coming in Autumn)</td>
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Tuesday, 10 November 2009, 12:15-14
Room 365, DN
Instructor: Jo Stigen

Ethnic Cleansing & The International Criminal Court


LECTURE 10
Tuesday, 17 November 2009, 12:15-14
Room 365 DN
Instructor: Anne Hellum

Case Study I: Zimbabwe (Identity Politics and International Human Rights)


Bill Derman and Anne Hellum "Land, Identity and Violence in Zimbabwe", in Conflicts over Land and Water in Africa. Eds. Bill Derman, Rie Odgaard and Espen Sjaastad, James Curry 2007

LECTURE 11
Tuesday, 24 November 2009, 12:15-14
Room 365 DN
Instructor: Knut Asplund

Case study IV: Indonesia

Recommended reading:
McGibbon, Between Rights and Repression
Van Klinken, Big States and Little Secessionist Movements