

HUMR 5502 - Dealing With Diversity

Home examination, postponed exam autumn 2018

Answer one—1—of the following questions:

1 Select two cases of civil war (violent intra-state conflict) in today's world and discuss the strong and weak points of understanding these conflicts as 'ethnic', as opposed to other frames of reference. In media, expert observers and commentators will frequently say that increasing respect for human rights will help defuse and solve these conflicts. Do you agree? If so, how can this be the case? If not, why not?

2 In many ways 'federalism' appears to be a good way of organizing a state that contains two or more ethnic groups. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of federal political arrangements as seen from the perspectives of political science anthropology and law. What do human rights add to these discussions?

