

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIVERSITY: LEADING CASES AND CORE DILEMMAS JUR 5508

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Semester: Spring 2014

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Tore Lindholm and Yong Zhou(NCHR). Invited guest lecturer: Prof Eva Brems

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Date: 10 January 2014

LECTURE 1

Monday 27 January 14:15-16:00

Domus Academica 112 Jur.eksamens sal

Instructor: Maria Lundberg & Ingvill Thorson Plesner (NCHR)

Introduction to the course: Overview, theory and methods

Required reading:

Main Case: (Human Rights Committee): Lovelace v. Canada, UN Doc. ICCPR/C/13/D/24,1977 (1981)

Articles 18 and 27 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)

ICCPR:

- General Comment No. 22: General Comment No. 22: The right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion (Art. 18): . 30.07.1993
- General Comment No. 23: The rights of minorities (Art. 27): 08.04.1994.

.In Universal Minority Rights:

• Hannum, Hurst, "The Concept and Definition of Minorities", pp. 49-73 (25pp).

Recommended reading:

Okin, Susan: "Introduction" in J. Cohen, M. Howard (eds) Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women? Princeton University Press, 1999 Kymlicka, *Will, Multicultural Citizenship*: A *Liberal Theory of Minority Rights*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995



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LECTURE 2

Wednesday 29 January 14:15-16:00

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Instructor: Tore Lindholm &Maria Lundberg (NCHR))

Group rights and the limits to autonomy

Church autonomy

Required reading:

Main Case: ((European Court of Human Rights): Metropolitan Church of Bessarabia and Others v. Moldova (Appl. No. 45701/99) Judgment 13 December 2001.

Article 9 of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR)

Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination based on Religion or Belief (UN, 1981)

Articles 1 and 2 of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (UN, 1992)

Article 4 of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN, 2007)

Articles 18 and 27 ICCPR

Christoffersen, Lisbet: "Church Autonomy in Nordic Law", *Law & Religion* in the 21st Century pp. 563 – 592 (29pp)

Recommended reading:

Kymlicka, Will, Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995

Additional cases:

European Court of Human Rights:

- Obst v. Germany (Appl. No. 425/3) Judgment 3 September 2010
- Serif v. Greece (Appl. No. 38178/97) Judgment 18 March 2011



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Freedom of religion and belief

Religion in public education

Wednesday 5 February 14:15 – 16:00

Required reading:

Domus Academica 112 Jur.eksamens sal Main case: (Human Rights Committee): Leirvåg v. Norway, UN. Doc.CCPR/C/82/D/1155/2003(2004)

Article 18 ICCPR

Instructor: Ingvill Thorson Plesner (NCHR)

ICCPR:

• General Comment No. 22: The right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion (Art. 18)

Recommended reading:

Kymlicka, Will, Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995

Article 13 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)

• General Comment No. 13: The right to education Article 29 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC):

• General Comment No. 1:The aims of education

Additional cases:

- Folgerø and others v Norway, (Appl. No. 15472/02) Grand Chamber, Judgment 29 June 2007
- Lautsi and others v. Italy, 18 March 2011 (Appl. No. 30814/11)

LECTURE 4

Freedom of religion and belief

Practice of religion in public space

Monday 10 February 14:15-16:00

Required reading:

Domus Academica 112 Jur.eksamens sal *Main case* (European Court of Human Rights): *Leyla Sahin v. Turkey*, (Appl. No. 44774/98) Grand Chamber Judgment 10 November 2005

Borchgreving, Tordis: "The Hijab Debate and the Liberal Dilemma" I

Instructors: Tore Lindholm



Tidsskrift for kjønnsforskning (2) 2007, KILDEN 2007, pp. 39 – 54 (25pp)
Plesner, Ingvill T.: "The European Court on Human Rights: Between Fundamentalist and Liberal Secularism" Chapter 2, pp. 72 – 91 (19pp) in Durham, Kirkham, Scott and Torfs (eds): Islam, Europe and Emerging Legal Issues, Ashgate 2012
Recommended reading:
Ketscher, Kirsten: "Cultural Rights and Religious Rights" in Religious Pluralism and Human Rights in Europe. Where to draw the line? Intersentia 2007, pp. 219 –237 (18pp)
Gunn, Jeremy: "Religious Symbols in Public Schools: The Islamic Headscarf and the European Court on Human Rights Decision Sahin vs. Turkey" Chapter 7,pp 134-179, (45pp) in Durham, Kirkham, Scott and Torfs (eds): Islam, Europe and Emerging Legal Issues, Ashgate 2012
Okin, Susan: "Introduction" in J. Cohen, M. Howard (eds) Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women? Princeton University Press, 1999
Additional cases: European Court of Human Rights:
• Dahlab v. Switzerland, 15.02.2001 (Appl. No. 00042393/98)
 Lautsi and others v. Italy (Appl. No. 30814/11) Grand Chamber Judgment 18 March 2011
Minority and indigenous peoples' rights: Self-determination and effective participation
Required reading: Main case: (Human Rights Committee): Chief Bernard Ominayak and the Lybiago Leka Bandy, Canada, UN Dog, ICCRP/C/38/D/167/1084 (1000)
Lubicon Lake Band v. Canada, UN Doc. ICCPR/C/38/D/167/1984 (1990) Article 1 and 27 ICCPR



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Instructor: Maria Lundberg and Stener Ekern (NCHR) Articles 3, 4, 18, 19 and 20 of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN, 2007)

Article 6 of the ILO Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Convention (ILO C 169)

CERD:

- General Recommendation No. 21: Right to self-determination:
- General Recommendation No.23 : Indigenous Peoples : .18.08.1997.

ICCPR:

- General Comment No. 12: The right to self-determination of peoples (Art.1): 13.03.1984.
- General Comment No. 23: The rights of minorities (Art. 27): 08.04.1994.

The Human Rights Council

The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Advice
 2: Indigenous peoples and the right to participate in decision-making ,

In Cultural Human Rights:

• Åhren, Matthias, "Indigenous People's Cultural Rights: A Question of Properly Understanding the Notion of States and Nations?", pp. 91-118 (28pp)

Ekern, Stener "The Production of Autonomy: Leadership and Community in Mayan Guatemala", Journal of Latin American Studies, Vol 43, Issue 1, February, 2011 (23pp)

Recommended reading:

Cultural Human Rights: Anna Filipa Vrdoljak, "Self-determination and cultural rights", pp.41-78

In Cultural Human Rights:

• Scheinin, Martin, "The Right of a People to Enjoy its Culture: Towards a Nordic Saami Rights Convention", pp. 151-168 (18pp)

Additional cases:

• (Human Rights Committee): Diergardt v. Namibia, UN Doc. CCPR/C/69/D/760/1997 (2000)



	 Canadian Supreme Court: re Secession of Quebec [1998] 2.S.C.R. 217. Opinion on the legality of the secession of Quebec according to Canadian and international law
LECTURE 6 Monday 24 February 14:15 – 16:00 Domus Academica 112 Jur.eksamens sal Instructor: Maria Lundberg (NCHR))	
	 In Universal Minority Rights: Weller, Marc, "Effective Participation of Minorities in Public Life", pp. 477-516 (40pp). Recommended reading:



	 Kymlicka, Will, Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995 Additional cases: (Human Rights Committee): Apirana Mahuika et al. v. New Zealand, UN Doc.CCPR/C/70/D/547/1993 (2000) Ilmari Länsman et. al. v. Finland, UN Doc. CCPR/C/52/D/511/1992 (1994) Kitok v. Sweden, UN Doc. ICCPR/C/33/D/197/1985 (1988)
LECTURE 7 Wednesday 26 February 14:15 – 16:00 Domus Academica 112 Jur.eksamens sal Instructor: Eva Brems University of Ghent; Maria Lundberg (NCHR)	Human rights and diversity –core dilemmas: Legal and ethical dilemmas in dealing with conflict between individual and collective rights Discussions and review of the cases, focusing on the scope and limitations to the right to freedom of religion and belief, minority and indigenous peoples' rights Recommended reading: Okin, Susan: "Introduction" in J. Cohen, M. Howard (eds) Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women? Princeton University Press, 1999 Kymlicka, Will, Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995 Tømte, Aksel, Constitutional Review of the Indonesian Blasphemy Law, http://www.idunn.no/ts/ntmr/2012/02/constitutional review of the indones ian blasphemy law
LECTURE 8 Wednesday 5 March 14:15 – 16:00 Domus Academica 112 Jur.eksamens sal	Minority and indigenous peoples' rights: Culture and language rights Required reading: Main case: (Human Rights Committee): Ballentyne, Davidson and McIntyre v. Canada, UN Doc. CCPR/C/47/D/359/1989 (1993)



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Article 19 and 27 ICCPR

Article 2 of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (UN, 1992)

European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (Council of Europe, 1992)

The Human Rights Council

The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Advice
 Indigenous peoples' languages and cultures, A/HRC/21/53, 16
 August 2012

In Universal Minority Rights:

• De Varennes, Fernand, "Linguistic Identity and Language Rights", pp. 253-323(71pp).

Recommended reading:

In Language Rights and Political Theory:

- Patten, Alan and Kymlika, Will, "Introduction: Language Rights and Political Theory: Context, Issues and Approaches", pp.1-51 (51pp)
- Réaume, Denise G., "Beyond Personality: The Territorial and Personal Principles of Language Policy Reconsidered",, pp. 271-295 (25pp)

Additional cases:

Human Rights Committee:

• Ignatane v. Latvia, UN Doc. CCPR/C/72/D/884/1999 (2001)

European Court of Human Rights:

- Podkolzina v. Latvia, (Appl. No. 46726/99) Judgment of 9 April 2002.
- Case "relating to certain aspects of the laws on the use of language in education in Belgium" (Appl. No. 1474/62, 1677/62, 1691/62, 1769/62, 1994/63, 2126/64) Judgment 23 July 1968, Ser. A, No.6.



	Cyprus v. Turkey (Appl. no. 25781/94) Judgment (Grand Chamber) of 10 May 2001
LECTURE 9 Wednesday 12 March 14:15 – 16:00 Domus Academica 112 Jur.eksamens sal Instructor: Yong Zhou &Maria Lundberg (NCHR)	Human rights and diversity –core dilemmas: Legal and ethical dilemmas in dealing with conflict between the legitimate interests of minorities and the majority Required reading: Lundberg, Maria; Zhou, Yong, "Hunting-Prohibition in the Hunters Autonomous Area: Legal Rights of the Oroqen People and the Implementation of the Regional National Autonomy Law", International Journal on Minority and Group Rights, Vol. 16, No. 3, 2009, pp. 349-397(49pp) Recommended reading: Okin, Susan: "Introduction" in J. Cohen, M. Howard (eds) Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women? Princeton University Press, 1999 Kymlicka, Will, Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995
LECTURE 10 Wednesday 19March 14:15 – 16:00 Domus Academica 112 Jur.eksamens sal Maria Lundberg & Ingvill Thorson Plesner (NCHR)	Human rights and diversity – core dilemmas Summary/overview and discussion of cases and dilemmas
Review session 11 Monday 24 March 14:15 – 16:00 Domus Academica 112 Jur.eksamens sal Maria Lundberg (NCHR)	Human rights and diversity – core dilemmas Q&A Summary/overview and discussion of cases and dilemmas