

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

University Code: HUMR 5508

Semester: Spring 2015

Instructors: Maria Lundberg & Tore Lindholm (with the participation of guest lecturers)

Date 5 March 2015

LECTURE 1

Tuesday 27 January 10:15-12:00

Asbjorn Eide Seminar Room, NCHR, Cort Adlersgt. 30

Instructor: Maria Lundberg (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)
- General Comment No. 23: The rights of minorities (Art. 27)

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

Group rights and the limits to autonomy

Church autonomy

Tuesday 3 February 10:15-12:00

Required reading:

Asbjorn Eide Seminar Room, NCHR, Cort Adlersgt.30 Main Case: ((European Court of Human Rights): Metropolitan Church of Bessarabia and Others v. Moldova (Appl. No. 45701/99) Judgment 13 December 2001.

Instructors: Maria Lundberg (NCHR) and Tore Lindholm (NCHR) 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)

<u>Recommended reading:</u>

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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LECTURE 3

Wednesday 4 February 10:15-12:00

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Instructors: Maria Lundberg (NCHR) and Tore Lindholm (NCHR)

Freedom of religion and belief

Practice of religion in public space

Required reading:

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 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', Ch 2, pp. 72 – 91 (19 pp) 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 (18 pp)

Gunn, Jeremy: 'Religious Symbols in Public Schools: The Islamic Headscarf and the European Court on Human Rights Decision *Sahin vs. Turkey*', Ch 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



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LECTURE 4

Postponed to 11 February, 10:15-12:00

Asbjorn Eide Seminar Room, NCHR, Cort Adlersgt.30

Instructors: Maria Lundberg (NCHR) and Tore Lindholm (NCHR)

Freedom of religion and belief

Religion in public education

Required reading:

Main case: (Human Rights Committee): Leirvåg v. Norway, UN. Doc.CCPR/C/82/D/1155/2003(2004)

Article 18 ICCPR Article 13 ICESCR Article 29 CRC

ICCPR:

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

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

Recommended reading:

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

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)



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LECTURE 5*

Tuesday, 17 February 10:15 -12:00

Asbjorn Eide Seminar Room, NCHR, Cort Adlersgt. 30

Instructor: Maria Lundberg (NCHR)

*postponed (revision of concepts and study materials in L8 on the 11th of March)

Minority and indigenous peoples' rights:

Self-determination and effective participation

Required reading:

Main cases: (Human Rights Committee):

- Chief Bernard Ominayak and the Lubicon Lake Band v. Canada, UN Doc. ICCPR/C/38/D/167/1984 (1990)
- Ilmari Länsman et. al. v. Finland, UN Doc. CCPR/C/52/D/511/1992 (1994)

Article 1 and 27 ICCPR

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

ICCPR:

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

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)

Recommended reading:

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



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In Cu	ltural	Human	Rights:
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• 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*

Tuesday 24 February 10:15-12:00 Asbjorn Eide Seminar Room, NCHR, Cort Adlersgt. 30

Instructor: Maria Lundberg (NCHR) & Tore Lindholm (NCHR)

*revision of concepts and study materials on the freedom of religion and belief and the cases of Leyla Sahin v. Turkey and Leirvåg v. Norway)

Minority and indigenous peoples' rights:

Cultural rights, effective participation and natural resource exploitation

Required reading:

Main case: (Human Rights Committee): Ángela Poma Poma v.Peru, UN Doc. CCPR/C/95/D/1457/2006(2009)

Article 1 and 27 ICCPR

Articles 3, 4, 20 and 32 of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN, 2007)

Articles 7 of the ILO Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Convention (ILO C 169)

The Human Rights Council

 The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Advice 4: Indigenous peoples and the right to participate in decision-making with focus on extractive industries, A/HRC/21/55, 16 August 2012

CESCR:

• General Comment No. 21: Right of everyone to take part in cultural life (art. 15, para. 1 (a), of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)

ICCPR:

• General Comment No. 23: The rights of minorities (Art. 27)



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In Universal Minority Rights:

• Hannikainen, Lauri: Legal Nature of Minority Rights as Part of Human Rights, Limitations, Derogations and Interpretative Statements, pp. 27-48 (22pp).

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)
- Kitok v. Sweden, UN Doc. ICCPR/C/33/D/197/1985 (1988)

LECTURE 7*

Wednesday 25 February 10:15-12:00

*postponed for 3rd of March

Asbjorn Eide Seminar Room, NCHR, Cort Adlersgt. 30

Instructor: Maria Lundberg (NCHR); With intervention by guest: Yong Zhou (Director, China Autonomy Programme, NCHR

Minority and indigenous peoples' rights: Case study China

The Principle of Free, Prior and Informed Consent and Natural resource exploitation

Article 1 and 27 ICCPR

Articles 3, 4, 20 and 32 of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN, 2007)

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)



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LECTURE 8*

Wednesday 11 March 09:15-12:00

Asbjorn Eide Seminar Room, NCHR, Cort Adlersgt. 30

Instructor: Maria Lundberg (NCHR)

With intervention by guest: Sayra Mesaly (China Autonomy Programme, NCHR)

*Additional activities:

09:15 -10:00 - 1 h revision of concepts, study materials, and cases in L5

12:15 -13:00 - Lunch talk on Ukraine

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)

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 3: 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.



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	• 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.
Seminar ASEAN	Freedom of religion and belief
Thursday 12 March 12:00-16:00	Required reading:
Asbjorn Eide Seminar Room, NCHR, Cort Adlersgt. 30	Keeping the Faith: A Study of Freedom of Thought, Conscience, and Religion in ASEAN, published by Human Rights Resource Centre University of Indonesia, Depok Campus
Presenters:Human Rights Resource Centre (NGO)	Available at http://www.jus.uio.no/smr/for-ansatte/freedom-of-thought-conscience-and-religion-in-the-asean.pdf
LECTURE 9	Freedom of religion and belief
Friday 13 March 09:15 – 12:00	Required reading:
Asbjorn Eide Seminar Room, NCHR, Cort Adlersgt. 30	Keeping the Faith: A Study of Freedom of Thought, Conscience, and Religion in ASEAN*, published by Human Rights Resource Centre University of Indonesia, Depok Campus
Instructor: Tore Lindholm (NCHR) & Maria Lundberg	Available at http://www.jus.uio.no/smr/for-ansatte/freedom-of-thought-conscience-and-religion-in-the-asean.pdf
(NCHR); With an intervention by guest Aksel Tømte (Indonesia Programmet,NCHR) & Jaclyn Neo	*Please focus on selected parts: (1) Introduction pp. Vi - xiv (2) Jaclyn Neo's Synthesis Report pp. 1 -52 [pay attention to the information about Indonesia in the two Appendices!] (3) The Country Report on Indonesia pp. 137-194 [authored by Zainal Abidin Bagira, Gadjah Mada University]



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<u>LECTURE 10</u> Tuesday 17 March 10:15-12:00	Recommended reading: ASEAN Human Rights Declaration 2012 Tømte, Aksel: Constitutional Review of the Indonesian Blasphemy Law, Available at: http://www.idunn.no/ts/ntmr/2012/02/constitutional_review_of_the_i ndonesian_blasphemy_law Human rights and diversity – core dilemmas	
Asbjorn Eide Seminar Room, NCHR, Cort Adlersgt. 30 Maria Lundberg (NCHR) & Tore Lindholm (NCHR)	 Human rights and diversity –core dilemmas: Legal and ethical dilemmas in dealing with conflict between individual and collective rights Legal and ethical dilemmas in dealing with conflict between the legitimate interests of minorities and the majority Summary/overview and discussion of cases and dilemmas 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 	
Review session 11 Tuesday 24 March 10:15-12:00 Asbjorn Eide Seminar Room, NCHR, Cort Adlersgt. 30	Present-day human rights dilemmas: Protection of Freedom of religion and the Taboo against discrimination Discussions on the basis of the RELIGARE findings - Q&A	
Maria Lundberg (NCHR) & Tore Lindholm (NCHR)		



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