

# JUS5710 H22

## JUS 5710: International Human Rights Law: Institutions and Procedures

### 1. Short Questions:

Answer all four questions mentioned below. Each question is worth 10% of your total examination grade; the entire short-questions section is 40% of your total examination grade.

1. Explain the differences/similarities of the rules of admissibility before the European Court of Human Rights and the UN Human Rights Committee.

2. Illustrate with relevant examples the key distinctions between the minority rights and indigenous peoples' rights.

3. Discuss the scope of extra-territorial jurisdiction concerning environmental protection in the light of the Committee on the Rights of the Child's decision in Chiara Sacchi et al. v. Germany (CRCttee, 2021).

4. What are the positive obligations under European Convention on Human Rights? Discuss in the light of the European Court of Human Rights' decision in Kurt v. Austria (ECtHR, 2021).

## 2. Essay Question:

The essay question is worth 60% of your total examination grade. As a general guideline, aim at quality, not quantity.

In August 2022, the OHCHR released a human rights assessment report concerning the Xinjiang Uyghurs Autonomous Region in the People's Republic of China. The report concluded that the extent of abuses against the Uyghurs "may constitute international crimes, in particular, crimes against humanity". Uyghurs are one of China's officially recognised ethnic minority groups and have been reportedly subject to torture and inhuman or degrading treatment by the Chinese authorities for years.

While China has not ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, it has ratified more than 20 other human rights treaties - including six core United Nations human rights treaties. China has not accepted any individual complaints procedures under any of these treaties.

1. Discuss the rights of the Uyghurs available under international human rights law.
2. Assess and compare the appropriate international forums that could be potentially approached to address the human rights violations against the Uyghurs in China.

OHRCH report:

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/countries/2022-08-31/22-08-31-final-assesment.pdf>