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**PART 1:
INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION, COURSE DESCRIPTION
AND TEACHING METHODS**

1.1 General information

- Full course title: Human Rights
- Type of course: Elective
- Level of course: B.A.
- Year of study: 4th
- Number of ECTS credits allocated: 2
- Name of lecturer(s) and office hours:
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1.2 Course aims and learning outcomes

The aim of the course is to develop student's understanding of international human rights law and to provide students with foundational knowledge about the history, principles and institutions of international human rights law.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this course students should be able to:

- know and understand the process of development of international human rights law;
- know the main sources of international human rights law;
- know the categories of human rights;
- know and understand the international human rights protection system (on the universal and regional level);
- know the main challenges in the course of developing international human rights protection.

1.3 Course requirements and grading plan

Course requirements

Students will be required to attend not less than 90% of classes and be prepared for class discussions. Conscientious reading of the assigned materials is compulsory.

Grading plan

- Class participation – 20 %
Students are expected to attend all the lectures, seminars and participate in class discussions; since the course is highly interactive, it is essential that students attend the seminars having read the materials for that day's class.
- In-class test – 30 %
Students will write two tests during the semester. Date of tests are defined by the instructor and communicated to the students at the first class of the respective course.
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- Essay – 20 %
During the course each student is expected to write an essay (up to 10 pages including literature) on one of the topics proposed. The essay should demonstrate the level of student's knowledge of publications on the subject. The work is to be presented at least 2 weeks before the end of the course.
- In-class presentation - optional.
Such a presentation (up to 15 minutes) is performed by a student once in the term. The presentation will be based on the proposed topic. The presenter should supply a brief summary of the information on that topic and offer a critical interpretation of the materials. At the end the presenter should also outline the main results of analysis. A few critical questions should further be offered for the class to discuss collectively.

PART 2. COURSE CONTENT

2.1 Types of work

Types of work	Academic hours
Total	72
Total for lectures, seminars	34
Lectures	16
Seminars	18
Homework	38
Written and oral home assignments	20
Preparation for lectures, seminars and written exam	18

2.2. Course content and readings by topic

Lecture 1. Introduction to international human rights law.

1. Nature of human rights.
2. Categories of human rights.
3. Historical development of international protection of human rights.
4. Need of international protection of human rights.
5. Human rights protection mechanisms.

- *Compulsory readings:*

Gomez F., Feyter K. International Protection of Human Rights: Achievements and Challenges. University of Deusto, 2006. p. 19-49. URL: http://www.deusto-publicaciones.es/ud/openaccess/hnet/pdfs_hnet/hnet19.pdf

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1. Alston P., Goodman R. International Human Rights. The Successor to International Human Rights in Context: Law, Politics and Morals. Oxford University Press, 2013. 1632 p.
2. Donnelly J. International Human Rights. 4th edition, Westview Press, 2013. 296 p.
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6. Landman T. Studying Human Rights. London and New York: Routledge, 2006. 192 p.
7. Lattmann T. International Protection of Human Rights. National University of Public Service Institute of International Studies Budapest, 2014. URL: http://www.academia.edu/12559903/International_Protection_of_Human_Rights
8. Law of the European Convention on Human Rights. D. Harris and others. – 3rd ed. - Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press, 2014. p. 3-40. URL:

https://books.google.ru/books?id=NvH8AwAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&hl=ru&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

9. Simmons B.A. Mobilizing for Human Rights. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009. 472 p.

Lecture 2. The sources of international human rights law.

1. The treaties as the main source of international human rights law.
2. Reservation and objections to human rights treaties.
3. Violation of international human rights treaties.
4. Other sources of international human rights law: customary international law, jus cogens, general principles of law, judicial decisions, writing of jurists, soft law (work of treaty bodies, resolutions of international institutions, other forms).

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Lecture 3. Challenges of international human rights law.

1. The challenge of non-state actors.
2. (Anti)Terrorism as a violation of human rights.
3. Human rights and poverty in the global economy.

4. Substantive and procedural environmental rights (African Charter, San Salvador Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights, progress at the UN).

• *Compulsory readings:*

1. The Role of Non-state Entities. Icelandic Human Rights Centre. URL: <http://www.humanrights.is/en/human-rights-education-project/human-rights-concepts-ideas-and-fora/human-rights-actors/the-role-of-non-state-entities>
2. Human Rights in the Global Economy. International Council on Human Rights Policy, 2010. p. 1-13 URL: http://www.ichrp.org/files/documents/185/210_human_rights_global_economy_colloquium_report.pdf
3. Human Rights, Terrorism and Counter-terrorism. Fact Sheet №32. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. p. 3-19. URL: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Factsheet32EN.pdf>

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Lecture 4. Human rights and politics.

1. The interrelationship between human rights and politics.
2. Changes in thinking about the ruler/ruled relationship.
3. The Anti-racism Movement.
4. Public and political platform for human rights.
5. Armed conflict and human rights politics.

- *Compulsory readings:*

1. International Human Rights Law. 3rd ed. Edited by Moeckli D., Shah S., Sivakumaran S. Consultant Editor Harris D. Oxford University Press, 2017. p.257-261. URL: https://books.google.ru/books?printsec=frontcover&vid=LCCN2010455909&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false
2. Lattmann T. International Protection of Human Rights. National University of Public Service Institute of International Studies Budapest, 2014. p. 135-143. URL: http://www.academia.edu/12559903/International_Protection_of_Human_Rights

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Lecture 5. Protection of human rights in the framework of the UN.

1. UN basic documents and human rights: human rights in the UN Charter, Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
2. UN main bodies and human rights (UN General Assembly, Economic and Social Council, UN Security Council).
3. The institutional centre of human rights protection of the UN: UN Commission on Human Rights (1946-2006), UN Human Rights Council (2006-...), Universal Periodic Review, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights).
4. UN treaty-based expert bodies.
5. UN international human rights treaties.

- *Compulsory readings:*

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9. Simmons B.A. Mobilizing for Human Rights. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009. 472 p.

Lecture 6. European protection of human rights.

1. Historical development of the Council of Europe.

2. Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its Protocols.
3. The European Social Charter and other human rights conventions concluded in the framework of the Council of Europe.

- *Compulsory readings:*

Law of the European Convention on Human Rights. D. Harris and others. – 3rd ed. - Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press, 2014. p. 3-40. URL: https://books.google.ru/books?id=NvH8AwAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&hl=ru&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

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2. Donnelly J. International Human Rights. 4th edition, Westview Press, 2013. 296 p.
3. Entin M., Jasque J.P., Mahoney P., Wildhaber L. Statement on Case-Overload At the European Court of Human Rights. Working Paper, 2012. URL: http://www.europeanlawinstitute.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/p_eli/Publications/S-1-2012_Statement_on_Case_Overload_at_the_European_Court_of_Human_Rights.pdf
4. Ferraro F., Carmona J. Fundamental rights in the European Union. The role of the Charter after the Lisbon Treaty. European Parliamentary Research Service, 2015. URL: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2015/554168/EPRS_IDA\(2015\)554168_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2015/554168/EPRS_IDA(2015)554168_EN.pdf)
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13. Schabas W.A. The European Convention on Human Rights: A Commentary (Oxford Commentaries on International Law). 1st Edition. Oxford University Press, 2015. 1440 p. URL: https://www.amazon.com/dp/0199594066/ref=rdr_ext_sb_ti_hist_1

Lecture 7. European protection of human rights.

1. The European Court of Human Rights: composition, proceedings, execution of judgments and decisions.
2. The European Union and human rights: historical development, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, the Fundamental Rights Agency.
3. The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and Human Rights.

- *Compulsory readings:*

Lattmann T. International Protection of Human Rights. National University of Public Service Institute of International Studies Budapest, 2014. p. 79-101. URL: http://www.academia.edu/12559903/International_Protection_of_Human_Rights

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Lecture 8. Regional protection of human rights.

1. American system of protection of human rights.
2. African System of Human Rights.
3. The regional mechanism of protecting human rights in Asia.
4. Arab system of protection of human rights.

• *Compulsory readings:*

1. Development of the ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism. European Parliament, 2012. p. 4-18. URL: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/note/join/2012/457120/EXPO-DROI_NT\(2012\)457120_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/note/join/2012/457120/EXPO-DROI_NT(2012)457120_EN.pdf)

2. Human rights protection mechanisms in Africa: Strong potential, weak capacity. European Parliament, 2013. p. 4-8. URL: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/briefing_note/join/2013/491487/EXPO-DROI_SP\(2013\)491487_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/briefing_note/join/2013/491487/EXPO-DROI_SP(2013)491487_EN.pdf)

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Lecture 9. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and protection of human rights.

1. The role of NGOs in the protection of human rights.
2. The problem of limitation NGOs activity in the sphere of protection of human rights.
3. The best-known NGOs on the international stage.

- *Compulsory readings:*

1. The Role of Non-state Entities. Icelandic Human Rights Centre. URL: <http://www.humanrights.is/en/human-rights-education-project/human-rights-concepts-ideas-and-fora/human-rights-actors/the-role-of-non-state-entities>
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Lecture 10. Human rights and international refugee law.

1. Human rights and refugee status.
2. Refugee *non-refoulement* and human rights.
3. The protections accorded to refugees.
4. The end of refugee status and solutions for refugees.

- *Compulsory readings:*

Zamfir I. Refugee Status Under International Law. European Parliamentary Research Service, 2015. URL: <https://epthinktank.eu/2015/10/27/refugee-status-under-international-law/>

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Lecture 11. Protection of women's rights.

1. Non-discrimination on the ground of sex and equality with men (prior to and after 1945).
2. The development of CEDAW (Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against woman).
3. The substantive equality approach of CEDAW.
4. Mainstreaming women's human rights.

- *Compulsory readings:*

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Lecture 12. Group rights and rights of individuals.

1. The right of self-determination: concept and definitions.
 2. The exercise of the right of self-determination.
 3. Limitations on the exercise of the right of self-determination.
 4. Minorities and indigenous peoples.
- *Compulsory readings:*
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2.3. Essay topics/Exam Questions.

1. Nature of human rights.
2. Categories of human rights.
3. Historical development of international protection of human rights.
4. Human rights in the UN Charter.
5. The fundamental human rights treaties.
6. Reservation and objections to human rights treaties.
7. Violation of international human rights treaties.
8. Human rights as part of customary international law.

9. Human rights as general principles of law.
10. Human rights as *jus cogens* norms.
11. The *erga omnes* character of human rights obligations.
12. UN main bodies and human rights.
13. The institutional centre of human rights protection of the UN.
14. The UN international human rights treaties.
15. European protection of human rights: historical development of the Council of Europe.
16. The Council of Europe as the leading human rights international organization in Europe.
17. The Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms: history of development and the content.
18. The European Court of Human Rights: organizational structure and procedure.
19. The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights: history of development and the content.
20. The relationship between the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the European Convention on Human Rights.
21. EU accession to the European Convention on Human Rights: rationale and procedure.
22. The Organization of American States and human rights: historical and institutional development.
23. American Convention on Human Rights and its protocols. Other OAS human rights conventions.
24. American institutions of human rights protection after the American Convention on Human Rights: the Commission and the Court.
25. The African Union and human rights: historical development.
26. The Banjul Charter and its protocols. Other African Union treaties on human rights.
27. Enforcement of African regional human rights treaties.
28. The regional mechanism of protecting human rights in Asia.
29. Arab system of protection of human right.
30. Human rights and poverty in the global economy.
31. Substantive and procedural environmental rights.
32. Women's rights: historical development and adoption of CEDAW (Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against woman).
33. Minority rights and the international protection of human rights.
34. Human rights in the situation of armed conflicts.
35. Human rights and international crimes: genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and aggression.
36. Applicability of human rights in the fight against terrorism.
37. Human rights and refugee status.

2.4. Exam timing

Last week of April.

1.5. Consolidated reading list (in alphabetic order)

- **Basic readings**

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2. Christoffersen J., Madsen M. The European Court of Human Rights between Law and Politics. 1st Edition. Oxford University Press, 2011. 256 p. URL: https://www.amazon.com/dp/0199694494/ref=rdr_ext_sb_ti_hist_2
3. Development of the ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism. European Parliament, 2012. p. 4-18. URL: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/note/join/2012/457120/EXPO-DROI_NT\(2012\)457120_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/note/join/2012/457120/EXPO-DROI_NT(2012)457120_EN.pdf)
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9. Groussot X., Pech L. Fundamental Rights Protection in the European Union post Lisbon Treaty. Foundation Robert Schuman, 2010. URL: <https://www.robert-schuman.eu/en/doc/questions-d-europe/qe-173-en.pdf>
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11. Human Rights Activism and the Role of NGOs. Council of Europe. URL: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/compass/human-rights-activism-and-the-role-of-ngos>
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13. Human rights protection mechanisms in Africa: Strong potential, weak capacity. European Parliament, 2013. p. 4-8. URL: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/briefing_note/join/2013/491487/EXPO-DROI_SP\(2013\)491487_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/briefing_note/join/2013/491487/EXPO-DROI_SP(2013)491487_EN.pdf)
14. Human Rights, Terrorism and Counter-terrorism. Fact Sheet №32. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. p. 3-19. URL: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Factsheet32EN.pdf>
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- **Additional readings**

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2. Donnelly J. Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice, 3rd edition, Cornell University Press, 2013. 336 p.

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13. The Council of Europe - Pioneer and guarantor for human rights and democracy. Edited by Kicker R. Council of Europe, 2010. 124 p.
14. The longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights. Steering Committee for Human Rights, 2016. 127 p.

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8. Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women. URL: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/>
9. Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. URL: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/ProfessionalInterest/cat.pdf>
10. Convention on the Rights of the Child. URL: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/ProfessionalInterest/crc.pdf>
11. Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. URL: <http://www.unhcr.org/3b66c2aa10.pdf>
12. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. URL: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CrimeOfGenocide.aspx>
13. Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. URL: https://www.icc-cpi.int/nr/rdonlyres/ea9aef7-5752-4f84-be94-0a655eb30e16/0/rome_statute_english.pdf
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21. American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man. URL: <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/mandate/Basics/declaration.asp>
22. American Convention on Human Rights. URL: <https://www.cidh.oas.org/basicos/english/basic3.american%20convention.htm>
23. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. URL: http://www.achpr.org/files/instruments/achpr/banjul_charter.pdf
24. Arab Charter on Human Rights 2004. URL: http://www.eods.eu/library/LAS_Arab%20Charter%20on%20Human%20Rights_2004_EN.pdf
25. Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam. URL: <http://www.icla.up.ac.za/images/un/use-of-force/intergovernmental-organisations/oic/THE%20CAIRO%20DECLARATION%20ON%20HUMAN%20RIGHTS%20IN%20ISLAM.pdf>

- **Internet resources**

1. Official site of the United Nations - <http://www.un.org>
2. Official site of the International Court of Justice - <http://www.icj-cij.org>
3. Official site of the International Criminal Court - <https://www.icc-cpi.int>
4. Official site of the UN Human Rights Council - <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/Home.aspx>
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14. Official site of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe - <https://www.osce.org>
15. Official site of the Council of Europe - <http://www.coe.int/ru/>

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24. Official site of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights - <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/>
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26. Official site of the African Union - <https://au.int>
27. Official site of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights - <http://www.achpr.org>
28. Official site of the African Court on Human and People's Rights - <http://www.african-court.org/en/>
29. Official site of the League of Arab States - <http://www.lasportal.org/en/aboutlas/Pages/HistoricalOverView.aspx>
30. Official site of the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions - <https://www.asiapacificforum.net>
31. Official site of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights - <http://aichr.org>
32. Committee to Protect Journalists - <http://www.cpj.org>
33. Human Rights Watch - <http://www.hrw.org>
34. Amnesty International - <http://www.amnesty.ch>
35. Medecins sans Frontier - <http://www.msf.org>
36. World Organization Against Torture - <http://www.omct.org>

PART 3. FINAL REMARKS

- Plagiarism is considered as a severe violation and as an indication of incompetence in the course. Plagiarism is understood as making of one's text using compilation method for other people's publications, even connected with own phrases and sentences. Collective performance of individual tasks is also unacceptable. Proved plagiarism: an F-mark is given regardless of the fulfillment of all other requirements.
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- Students are asked to keep a copy of all work submitted for evaluation.