

International Human Rights and the Global Economy—Spring 2010

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Assignment for Week One—Monday, March 1, 3:30-5

Required Text: *Human Rights and the Global Marketplace: Economic, Social, and Cultural Dimensions* (Jeanne Woods & Hope Lewis, eds., Transnational/Brill USA 2005). Available at NU Bookstore at a volume discount; the individual price for new copies on-line is higher. Used copies may also be available on-line.

1. Introduction to the Human Rights Movement: Defining Human Rights—Monday, March 1, 3:30-5

- ◆ Read Woods & Lewis, pp. 1-40
- ◆ Skim: Woods & Lewis, Preface, Foreword, Table of Contents
- ◆ Universal Declaration of Human Rights <http://www.unhchr.ch/udhr/lang/eng.htm>
- ◆ The UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), available at: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>
- ◆ Read the entire course outline when available and let me know if you have questions (after class).
- ◆ Register for the class TWEN website (beginning Sunday, February 28)
- ◆ Sign up for Working Group on TWEN site (after class.)
- ◆ E-mail Survey. Before or after class (by the end of the week) send me a 1 page e-mail with your name, class, previous international or immigration related courses, co-ops, or other experiences (if any), special international law/human rights interests, and anything else you would like me to know about you or your goals for the class. . Please put “HRG Survey” in the subject line.

Class introductions. Course overview. Using the UDHR. Which harms should be defined as “human rights violations,” and why? What does the label “human rights violation” add to the legal or practical implications of problems such as those described in the text or the Haiti earthquake? Are some human rights listed in the UDHR more fundamental than others?

IMPORTANT NOTE: We will NOT meet on Wednesday, March 3. That class will be rescheduled for Friday, April 9.