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To begin with, this video explains why the notion of jurisdiction matters, and gives some early examples of how human rights courts or expert bodies have dealt with situations where the violations occurred outside the national territory of the State concerned, as in the case of *Loizidou v. Turkey* or *Öcalan v. Turkey* before the European Court of Human Rights, or in the case of *Lopez Burgos v. Uruguay* before the Human Rights Committee. The question that arises, however, is: how far does this lead? What links are required between the action or the omission of State which has allegedly adopted a conduct in violation of human rights, and the situaton concerned?

THE CONCEPT OF JURISDICTION

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Welcome to Section 2 of this course on International Human Rights.

And we will study today the notion of jurisdiction.

We will ask, to which situations human rights apply,

when may they be invoked against the state.

The question of jurisdiction has gained in importance in recent years

as a result of globalization.

As a result, also, of more and more states taking part in military actions outside their national territory.

And as a result of states cooperating with each other in creating situations

that may lead to human rights violations

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being committed.

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And the question arises, in such  
circumstances,

whether a state may be held responsible  
for an alleged human rights violation,

despite this situation complained of  
having arisen

outside the national territory of the state  
concerned.

Most human rights treaties contain a  
reference to the fact

that the human rights that they  
guarantee, that they enunciate,

are protected from violation in situations

that are under the jurisdiction of the  
states,

or under the power or competence of the  
state concerned.

And the question arises whether human

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