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Please read the following excerpts describing the separation between civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights, and the presuppositions that guided that separation. (This text, as with all other reading materials, can also be downloaded from the shared documentation folder (https://drive.google.com /folderview?id=0B1pqngCzyqvRODRNbUpmcWRqQTg&usp=sharing)on the course's Documentation page).

An Introduction to the Indivisibility Debate (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset /_Materials__ESCrights_Introduction__Final_.pdf)

The distinction between categories (or 'generations') of rights is increasingly challenged. In the mid-nineteenth century, Karl Marx and the socialist movement emphasized that civil liberties would remain purely formal until complemented by socio-economic guarantees to education, welfare, health or decent wages. This is a thesis expressed by Marx in *On the Jewish Question* (1844). Conversely, many scholars have noted the importance of civil liberties and political rights -- freedom of expression, freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom to join and form trade unions, or the right to vote -- for the effective protection of economic and social rights. This interdependence has been most explicitly affirmed by the economist Amartya Sen, particularly in *Development as Freedom* (1999). In the next unit we will identify how the separation between civil and political rights, on the one hand, and economic, social and cultural rights, on the other hand, breaks down in practice.

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