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Syllabus

WELCOME TO THE COURSE!

Welcome to International Human Rights! This course, beginning on 17 February 2014, will provide you with an overview of how human rights are protected under international law, how and by whom such rights may be claimed, and what limitations and restrictions to rights are admissible. The general objective of this course is to present students with the overarching structure of human rights protection, rather than provide a systematic and detailed discussion of specific human rights protection mechanisms, specific rights, or specific groups of vulnerable persons. By acquiring this 'general grammar', students will be better poised to analyse, discuss and use human rights.

PREREQUISITES

Although no background in the study of law is required, students with little familiarity with legal concepts and legal language may find it more difficult to master certain notions. The key to digesting the materials and making progress through the course is your motivation: students in this course come from different regions of the world and their common denominator is the interest in learning about human rights through others' experiences -- and the more diverse these experiences are, the better. The course is structured so that a diligent student, regardless of her background, will be able to conclude the course with a satisfactory grade.

WORKLOAD

Students are expected to spend roughly five to six hours a week watching the videos, reading the materials, responding to the problems and exercises and participating actively in the forums. As mentioned above, for those with little familiarity with legal concepts and language, additional time commitment may be required.

GRADING

You will be graded on the basis of your participation throughout the course, as measured by the problems you've completed and the discussions you've contributed to: this participation shall account for 20% of the final grade. In

1 addition, each section closes with a multiple choice questionnaire, the results obtained on the eight questionnaires in total shall account for the remaining 80% of the final grade. Each section has the same weight in the final

COURSE SCHEDULE

The schedule for the Spring 2014 session of Louv2.01x is also available in other formats. Check them out here (<https://courses.edx.org/courses/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/1T2014/courseware/8c5ed3ad904f40dc9411aa6c3eafd5e5/9ca8b769f45b4ceca0024b81923b06f1/>).

Date	Topic	Reading	Casebook	Course videos	Assignment	Due
17 February	Introduction			Methodological intro (../courseware/8c5ed3ad904f40dc9411aa6c3eafd5e5/3e824acf1d484f32a20913c730575dbc/) Course overview (../courseware/8c5ed3ad904f40dc9411aa6c3eafd5e5/3e824acf1d484f32a20913c730575dbc/)		

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	Section 1 (What are Human Rights?)	Introduction (/c4x/LouvainX/ /Louv2.01x /asset /UCLouvainX- MOOC-section_1- ESCrighs- introduction.pdf) Jus cogens 1 (/c4x/LouvainX/ /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Jus_Cogens_status_ex1_Final_.pdf) Jus cogens 2 (/c4x/LouvainX/ /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Jus_Cogens_status_ex2_Final_.pdf) Jus cogens 3 (/c4x/LouvainX/ /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Jus_Cogens_status_ex3_Final_.pdf) Jus cogens 4 (/c4x/LouvainX/ /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Jus_Cogens_status_ex4_Final_.pdf) Jus cogens 5 (/c4x/LouvainX/ /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Jus_Cogens_status_ex5_Final_.pdf) Jus cogens 6 (/c4x/LouvainX/ /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Jus_Cogens_status_ex6_Final_.pdf) US reservations ICCPR (/c4x/LouvainX/ /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__US_Reservation_to_ICCPR_Final_.pdf)ICJ Advisory opinion (/c4x/LouvainX/ /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Reservations_- _ICJ_Advisory_Opinion_Final_.pdf)IACTHR Advisory opinion (/c4x/LouvainX/ /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Reservations_- _IACTHR_Advisory_Opinion_Final_.pdf)Mamatkulov	S1.1: pp.11-31 S1.2: pp.50-55 S1.3: pp.59-95 S1.4: pp.96-122 S1.5: pp.31-48	Expansion of HR in international law (../courseware /0749e8aff86c4ba4bea00568548364bf /eb66347e6ad447c599b4642ffa5c8914/)	EC: 29 SQ:10	28/2

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		and Askarov v Turkey (/c4x/LouvainX /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Jus_Commune_ex1_Final_.pdf)Demir and Baykara v Turkey (/c4x/LouvainX /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Jus_Commune_ex3_Final_.pdf)Cadder v Her Majesty's Advocate (/c4x/LouvainX /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Jus_Commune_ex4_Final_.pdf)				
28 February	Setion 2 (<i>To What Situations do Human Rights Apply?</i>)	Extraterritoriality - Ajaria (/c4x/LouvainX /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Extraterritoriality_Final_.pdf) Extraterritoriality - Transdnistria (/c4x/LouvainX /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Extraterritorial_situations_ex2_Final_.pdf) Provisions on derogations (/c4x/LouvainX /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Provisions_on_Derogations_Final_.pdf) Non-derogable rights (/c4x/LouvainX /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials__Non_derogable_rights.pdf)	S2.1: pp.123-193 S2.2: pp.241-256 S2.3: pp.510-560	The concept of jurisdiction (../courseware /5a658a83388e4c20b28c8d5179539299 /0bb66352603d4f58a8f2089dacfb0dc3/) Type of jurisdiction human rights obligations (../courseware /5a658a83388e4c20b28c8d5179539299 /993a4e07e0d1443f9c270ab33c25c41d/)	EC: 18 SQ: 10	7/3

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7 March	Section 3 <i>(When may human rights be restricted?)</i>	Chahal (/c4x/LouvainX /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials_Deposition- Chahal_Final_.pdf) Diplomatic Assurances - Nowak (/c4x/LouvainX /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials_Diplomatic_Assurances_- _Nowak_Final_.pdf) Diplomatic Assurances - AbuQatada (/c4x/LouvainX /Louv2.01x /asset /_Materials_Diplomatic_Assurances_- _AbuQatada_Othman___Final_.pdf)	S3.1: pp.257-287 S3.2: pp.278-288 S3.3: pp.288-293 and pp.306-313 S.3.4: pp.293-306 S3.5: pp.313-327		EC: 15 SQ: 10	14/3

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14 March	Section 4 (When must the State intervene to protect human rights?)	Velazquez-Rodriguez (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset/_Materials__Duty_to_Protect_and_Velazquez-Rodriguez_Final_.pdf) Pretty vs the UK (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset/_Materials__Duty_to_Protect_and_waivers_-_Pretty_Final_.pdf) Younger vs. the UK (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset/_Materials__Duty_to_Protect_and_waivers_-_Younger_Final_.pdf) Wilson and Others vs. the UK (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset/_Materials__Duty_to_Protect_and_waivers_-_Wilson_Final_.pdf) E and others vs. the UK (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset/_Materials__Duty_to_Protect_and_conflicting_rights_-_E_and_Others_Final_.pdf) Odièvre vs. France (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset/_Materials__Duty_to_Protect_and_conflicting_rights_-_Odievre_Final_.pdf) TNCs and human rights (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset/_Materials__Transnational_corporations_and_human_rights_Final_.pdf) Ruggie on Business and HR (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset/_Materials__Ruggie_2014_UN_business_and_human_rights_treaty.pdf)	S4.1: pp.429-446 S4.2: pp.446-460 S4.3: pp.461-495-399	On the obligation to protect (../courseware/432d6f88f6ff4f4abd919ec8094bfbaf/c26a34deb776442fbf5e2ab753b096c1/)	EC: 8 SQ: 10	21/3

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21 March	Section 5 (How much must States do to fulfil human rights?)	HR based approach to poverty reduction (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset/_Materials__Human_Rights-based_approaches_to_poverty_reduction__Final_.pdf) FAO Voluntary Guidelines (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset/_Materials__FAO_Voluntary_Guidelines__Final_.pdf) Casebook 466-472 (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset/_Materials__Casebook_466-472.pdf) Casebook 492-496 (/c4x/LouvainX/Louv2.01x/asset/_Materials__Casebook_492-496.pdf)	pp.461-512	TBD (..)	EC: 8 SQ: 10	28/3
28 March	Section 6 (What is discrimination?)		pp.561-728	TBD (..)	EC: # SQ: 10	4/4
4 April	Section 7 (How are human rights protected at domestic level?)>/i>		pp.729-790	TBD (..)	EC: # SQ: 10	11/4
11 April	Section 8 (How are human rights protected at international level?)		pp.791-955	TBD (..)	EC: # SQ: 10	25/4
25 April	Conclusion					



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