



## Call for participants

# “Introduction to Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law from a practical and human point of view”.

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## Presentation

The development of International Law is a gradual process of humanization with the aim of reaching the basic principle of the international society. That is, the principle of dignity of the human being. The development of International Law is a gradual process aimed at fulfilling the basic principle of the International Society theory, that is, the commitment of nations to act for respecting and promoting human dignity.

Within this framework, this course will analyze the normative evolution of International Law.. Moreover, by analysing different case studies of national and international conflicts in which human dignity has been compromised, its implementation and effectiveness will be reflected upon and evaluated.

Throughout the course we will examine the content and evolution of the international conventions regulating the protection of civil populations in times of peace and in armed conflicts, both domestic and international.

## Objectives

- To increase knowledge in the field of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.
- To promote debate and discussion on the international system of Human Rights.
- To provide the participants with basic tools for the application, defence and promotion of Human Rights.

## Programme

### A) GENERAL THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK.

1.- Origin and evolution of Human Rights in the International Society. International Human Rights Law as a distinctive discipline within International Public Law. The object of International Human Rights Law. The international protection of Human Rights.

[http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/global\\_ethics/human-rights-norms.html](http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/global_ethics/human-rights-norms.html)

2.- International liability for Human Rights Law infringement. The enforcement of International Human Rights Law within the Justice System of the States. The United Nations and Human Rights. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Other International Treaties in the field of Human Rights.

[http://www.hrea.org/index.php?doc\\_id=437](http://www.hrea.org/index.php?doc_id=437)

3.- Extra-conventional mechanisms for the safeguard of Human Rights. The role of the different United Nations organs in promoting and protecting Human Rights and its historical evolution. The procedures established by the Social and Economic Council in Resolutions 1235 (XLII) and 1503 (XLVIII). The special status and activities of the Human Rights Commission.

<http://es.scribd.com/doc/54026696/43/B-Extra-conventional-mechanisms>

<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/monitoring/adminchap2.html>

4.- The protection of Human Rights in Europe. The protection of Human Rights in America. The protection of Human Rights in the Africa.

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/training9chapter3en.pdf>

### B) CASE STUDIES.

1.- WESTERN SAHARA.

<http://www.hrw.org/en/reports/2008/12/19/human-rights-western-sahara-and-tindouf-refugee-camps>

2.- PERU.

<http://ejil.oxfordjournals.org/content/14/2/241.full.pdf+html>

3.- SCILINGO.

<http://www.hrw.org/en/node/11297/section/14>

4.- INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS in COLOMBIA.

<http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/journals/AUIndigLawRpr/2005/17.html>

5.- Human Rights and TERRORISM

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Factsheet32EN.pdf>

6.- YUGOSLAVIA and Human Rights.

[http://www.humanrights.ch/home/en/Standards/Tribunals/ICTY/idcatart\\_75-content.html](http://www.humanrights.ch/home/en/Standards/Tribunals/ICTY/idcatart_75-content.html)

## Evaluation

Throughout the course a, continuous evaluation process will be implemented with the participation of the students.

The specific evaluation system can be described as follows:

### **Delivery of compulsory exercises (90 points)**

The course presents three compulsory exercises, each accounting for 30 points.

### **Delivery of optional exercise (10 points)**

At the end of the course, the student can deliver an optional exercise to improve qualifications, accounting for up to 10 points.

**NOTE:** The minimum percentage to pass the course is 65%\*

Exercise 1	Up to 30%
Exercise 2	Up to 30%
Exercise 3	Up to 30%
Optional exercise	Up to 10%
Final mark	Up to 100%

**\* THOSE STUDENTS THAT PASS THE COURSE WILL OBTAIN A DIPLOMA FROM THE SOLIDARITY FOUNDATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA**

## COURSE SCHEDULE

<b>1st September</b>	Beginning of the course Presentation
<b>5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Delivering exercise 1
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Delivering Exercise 2
<b>25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Delivering Exercise 3
<b>28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Delivering optional exercise
<b>30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Final considerations

### Addressed to

University students, professionals and general public.

### Duration

50 hours.

From the 1st to the 30th of September 2011.

### Applications and costs

Please, send your CV until the **28<sup>th</sup> July** 2011 to the following email address

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40 euros

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