

## **SYLLABUS**

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1. **Course code:** HOR7002
2. **Course title in english:** International and European Protection of Human Rights
3. **ECTS:** 6
4. **Evaluation:** exam
5. **Language:** English
6. **Semester:** Spring

**7. The aim of the course in english:**

General objective of the subject is to give a comprehensive overview of international human rights protection systems, incl different regional human rights protection systems, their structure and practice, with an emphasis on European system.

**8. Learning outcomes in english:**

After successfully passing the subject the student has acquired:

- an overview of the specifics of human rights protection;
- an overview of international human rights protection system, its structure and activities and differentiated between treaty and institutional systems;
- an overview of regional human rights protection systems and their strenghts and weaknesses compares to international system;
- a comprehensive overview of systems in Europe that deal with human rights protection;
- an overview of alternative human rights protection possibilities (incl. international criminal law);
- knowledge on human rights in conflict situations and in post-conflict situations;
- knowledge on future trends and reform plans on human rights protection systems.

**9. Short course description in english:**

The aim of the course is to give an overview of international and regional human rights protection mechanisms. To achieve the aim, the following will be discussed:

- International human rights protection system (United Nations human rights protection – its structure, treaty and institutional system);
- Regional human rights protection systems (European, American, African, and Arabian – their principal differences from global systems, strenghts and weaknesses compared to global system);
- European systems, which deal with human rights protection (structure, practice);
- alternative human rights protection possibilities (incl. international criminal law);
- human rights in conflict situations and in post-conflict situations;
- future trends and reform plans on internationa human rights protection systems.

Particular attention will be given to the latest developments in human rights as well as in human rights protection systems.

**10. Assessments and course requirements in english:**

The grade forms as follows:

25% - Daily work

35% - Independent work

40% - Final Exam

Self-assessment tests will not give any credit. However, if the student has completed all the self-assessment tests, she will earn extra credit for daily work.

## **11. Textbooks:**

There is no one textbook. Reading materials are provided by the lecturer well in beforehand through the course website on Moodle.

Sections from the following textbooks will be covered on the course (the list is not exhaustive):

- M.Baderin & R.McCorquodale, Economic, social & cultural rights in action, 2007
- S.Chesterman (ed), Civilians in War, 2001
- Hughes, Schabas and Thakur (eds), Atrocities and international accountability: Beyond transitional justice, UN University Press 2007
- S.Joseph, J.Schultz & M.Castan, The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Cases, Materials and Commentary, Oxford University Press 2004
- Alastair Mowbray, Cases and Materials on the European Convention on Human Rights, Oxford University Press 2007
- Manfred Nowak, Introduction to the International Human Rights Regime, Martinus Nijhoff Publications 2003
- Michael O'Flaherty, Human Rights Field Operations: Law, Theory and Practice, 2007
- Rhona K.M. Smith, Textbook on International Human Rights (3rd ed), 2007
- Henry Steiner, Philip Alston and R.Goodman. International Human Rights in Context – Law, Politics, Morals (third edition), Oxford University Press 2008
- Christian Tomuschat, Human Rights. Between Idealism and Realism, Oxford University Press, 2003

**12. Date of submission:** 1.02.2010

**13. Prerequisites for passing the course:** -

**14. Limitation for audience, if applicable:** -

**15. Independent work in english:**

- Course work: Students will be given a case, which they must provide a solution for by the end of the course. The result must be submitted in writing, fulfilling all the requirements for written work in the Tallinn Law School;
  - Smaller works: throughout the course over the course website in Moodle;
  - In addition, students must prepare themselves for each seminar by reading and analysing the assigned materials.
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