

INTENSIVE COURSE ON CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES TO INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW



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Course Programme and Faculty

Elina Pirjatanniemi, Professor of constitutional and international law and Director of the Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University

- Setting the scene: states and their room for manoeuvre
- Human rights and the rise of populism

Martin Scheinin, Professor of international law and human rights, European University Institute

- Unilateral exceptions to human rights: how states seek to justify their escape from human rights obligations
- Human rights and the security state

Margot Salomon, Associate professor, Law Department and the Centre for the Study of Human Rights, London School of Economics

- Socio-economic rights and resource constraints
- Control over resources: normative framework
- Challenges in ensuring socio-economic rights under conditions of globalisation

Maartje van der Woude, Professor of law & society, Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society, Leiden University

- Politics of counterterrorism
- Profiling the (cr)immigrant other

Mikaela Heikkilä, Post-doctoral researcher and **Maija Mustaniemi-Laakso**, Doctoral candidate, Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University

- Human rights and vulnerability

Sisay Alemahu Yeshanew, visiting Associate professor, School of Law, Addis Ababa University

- Restricting human rights for political purposes
- Promoting the protection of human rights in challenging environments

Ukri Soirila, Doctoral candidate, Eric Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, University of Helsinki

- The many faces of human dignity

Martti Koskeniemi, Professor of international law and Director of the Eric Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, University of Helsinki

- After human rights

Course description:

The course addresses and critically discusses some of the contemporary challenges to the protection of human rights. It presents the legal contours within which states are to realise their human rights obligations and contemplates upon the role of human rights in addressing power and distribution imbalances as well as exclusion. Further, it looks into the relationship between human rights and security; explores practices such as ethno-racial profiling; and discusses vulnerability and human rights as well as the protection of human rights and the rise of populism.

The course is designed for PhD students, scholars, practitioners (e.g., law, human rights or development), policy-makers and advanced master's students.

Application and fee:

Applicants should complete the application form, include their CV and two separate letters of recommendation in support of their application.

Application deadline: 5 September 2017

The course fee, which includes the course and the course materials, is **EUR 700**.

More information and application:

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