



The Institute for Human Rights at Åbo Akademi University organizes the intensive course:

Realizing Human Rights through Criminal Law: An Advanced Course, 18–22 August 2014 in Turku/Åbo, Finland

Course Description

This course offers participants an opportunity to develop specialist level knowledge in the field of Criminal Law in relation to Human Rights. The following topics will be examined and discussed during the course: Advantages and disadvantages with using criminal law to protect human rights, criminal law and conflicting interests, gendered criminal law, the dialogue between regimes and the enforcement of international criminalizations. The course is conducted in English and is composed of lectures, group discussions and assignments as well as an optional take-home exam.

Target group and requirements

The course is designed for PhD students, scholars, practitioners, policy-makers and advanced master's students. The number of participants is restricted to 30. Admittance presupposes, as a general rule, a law degree (or equivalent) and a good knowledge of criminal law and/or human rights law. Practical experience in the field, publications and previous participation in special courses are considered a merit.

Credits

Participants, who have successfully completed the course, including the take-home exam, will be awarded a Diploma equivalent to 10 ECTS. With no take-home exam, the participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance equivalent to 2 ECTS.

Application

Applicants should fill in the application form, include their cv and two separate letters of recommendation in support of their application, and submit the form by 12 May 2014. Detailed information, including the application form, can be obtained from the Institute's website at: www.abo.fi/institution/en/humanrightscourses

Cost and Scholarships

The course fee, which includes the course, the course materials and a few meals is EUR 700. Doctoral candidates in human rights law at partner universities in the Doctoral Network on Realizing Human Rights can apply for a reduction in the course fee. Students at Åbo Akademi University are exempted from the course fee. The selected participants are expected to take care of the arrangements for accommodation themselves, but the Institute will provide a list of good alternatives. Accommodation is not included in the course fee. A limited number of scholarships are available (please find details on the course webpage).

Readings and Contact Details

The course requires reading in advance. The course materials will be posted on the course website, which the participants will get access to at the beginning of July 2014.

Any enquiries about the course should be directed to course coordinator Ms Rebecca Karlsson, Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University, Biskopsgatan 19, FI-20500 Turku/Åbo, Finland. Tel. +358-2-215 3446, e-mail: courses.imr@abo.fi

Faculty and Course Programme (Tentative)

Elina Pirjatanniemi, LL.D., Professor, Director of the Institute for Human Rights at Åbo Akademi University, Head of the Department of Law:

- Human Rights and Criminal Law: History, Changes and Consequences (3h)

Frédéric Mégret, Ph D, Associate Professor at McGill University, Faculty of Law, Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, Associate Dean of Research (Law), Canada Research Chair in the Law of Human Rights and Legal Pluralism:

- Amnesties and Prescription: A Case of International Human Rights Law "Devouring Itself"? (3h)
- The International Criminal Court: Defendants' Right to a Fair Trial v. Victims' Right to Participation? (3h)

Pauliine Koskelo, Judge, President of the Supreme Court of Finland:

- Value Conflicts in the Courts (2h)

Christine Chinkin, Ph D, Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics, William Cook Global Law Professor at University of Michigan Law School, Barrister, Member of Matrix Chambers:

- Istanbul Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Gender (2h)

Claes Lernerstedt, J.D., Professor of Criminal Law, Faculty of Law, Uppsala University:

- Structure and Individual in Swedish Criminal Law: The Case of Gender (2-3h)

Kevät Nousiainen, LL.D., Professor of Comparative Law and Legal Theory, Faculty of Law, University of Turku:

- Gendered Criminal Law: National and International Aspects (2h)

Mikaela Heikkilä, D.Soc.Sc., Postdoctoral researcher at the Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University:

- The Interplay between International Criminal Law and Human Rights Law/International Humanitarian Law (3h)

Cedric Ryngaert, Dr., Associate Professor of International Law at the University of Utrecht and at Leuven University:

- Extradition/Transfer and Human Rights (2h)
- Universal Jurisdiction, Immunities and Human Rights (3h)

Martti Koskeniemi, LL.D., Academy Professor, Professor of International Law at the University of Helsinki, Director of the Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights:

- Between Impunity and Show Trials (2h)

Elina Pirjatanniemi, Frédéric Mégret:

- Working group exercises and equivalent (4h)