

Summer School with Moot Court
Human Rights and Fundamental Rights and their Impact on the Civil Law System

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Alfredsson, Gudmundur Eide, Asbjorn (editors)	The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. A Common Standard of Achievement, 1999
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Joseph, Sarah Castan, Melissa	The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Cases, Materials and Commentary, 3 rd edition 2013
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Lytvynyuk, Anna	Fundamental Rights Operation in Private Law. A Comparative Study of Legal Solutions, 2010
Peerenboom, Randall Petersen, Carol J. Chen, Albert H.Y. (editors)	Human Rights in Asia. A Comparative Legal Study of Twelve Asian Jurisdictions, France and the USA, 2006
Saul, Ben Renshaw, Catherine (editors)	Human Rights in Asia and the Pacific, 2014
Shelton, Dinah	Remedies in International Human Rights Law, 2 nd edition 2006
Ssenyonjo, Manisuli	Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in International Law, 2009
Tiefenbrun, Susan W.	Women's International and Comparative Human Rights, 2012
Weizer, Paul	How to Please the Court. A Moot Court Handbook, 2005

D. Law reports and casebooks

Website of the ECHR	www.echr.coe.int (decisions in English and French)
Website of the IACHR	www.corteidh.or.cr (decisions in Spanish and English)
Website of the ACHPR	www.african-court.org (decisions in English, French, Portuguese and Arabian)
Website of the ICC	www.icc-cpi.int (decisions in English and French)
Conte, Alex Burchill, Richard	Defining Civil and Political Rights. The Jurisprudence of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, 2 nd edition 2009 (note, however, that the Human Rights Committee is not a court and therefore its views do not represent jurisprudence)
Deller Ross, Susan	Women's Human Rights. The International and Comparative Law Casebook, 2009

E. Compendiums of laws (easy access to international treaties)

Bisset, Alison (editor)	Blackstone's International Human Rights Documents, 9 th edition 2014
Office of the UNHCHR (editor)	Core International Instruments, www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CoreInstruments.aspx (human rights treaties); see also Universal Human Rights Instruments, www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/UniversalHumanRightsInstruments.aspx (treaties and soft law)
Schutter, Olivier de Tulkens, Françoise Drooghenbroeck, Sébastien van (editors)	Code de droit international des droits de l'homme - 2014, 4 th edition 2014
Simma, Bruno (editor)	Menschenrechte. Ihr internationaler Schutz, 6 th edition 2010 (part of the series "Beck-Texte im dtv")
University of Minnesota (editor)	Human Rights Library. Human Rights Treaties and Other Instruments, www1.umn.edu/humanrts/treaties.htm

F. Journals in the field of human rights law

APJHRL	Asia-Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law, since 2000
EHRLR	European Human Rights Law Review, since 1979
EuGRZ	Europäische Grundrechte-Zeitschrift, since 1974
HRLJ	Human Rights Law Journal, since 1980
HRLR	Human Rights Law Review, since 2001
HRQ	Human Rights Quarterly, since 1979
HRR	Human Rights Review, since 1999
IHRLR	International Human Rights Law Review, since 2012
MRM	MenschenRechtsMagazin, since 1996, www.uni-potsdam.de/de/mrz/publikationen/menschenrechtsmagazin/archiv.html
RTDH	Revue trimestrielle des droits de l'homme, since 1990
RUDH	Revue universelle des droits des l'homme, since 1989

Contributions on international human rights law can also be found in the journals on public international law. Contributions on fundamental rights can be found in the journals on national and comparative constitutional or public law.

G. Internet sources in the field of international human rights law

There are many internet sources which allow an easy orientation and a quick access to international human rights law. See the links on the special website for this course. There you will also find links concerning the case of the Moot Court. Those who understand a little bit German will find more references at www.jura.uni-goettingen.de/schmitz (see "Links", "B. Völkerrecht"). See in particular the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (www.ohchr.org). There you find introductory information and the text of the most important human rights treaties (www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CoreInstruments.aspx) and other human rights treaties and soft law ([/Pages/UniversalHumanRightsInstruments.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/UniversalHumanRightsInstruments.aspx)). The same applies for the website Human Rights Library of the University of Minnesota (www1.umn.edu/humanrts/index.html). Make sure that you use only websites with reliable, thorough legal information for your legal research.

H. Note on the reliability of legal literature in the field of international human rights law

Keep your critical distance when dealing with legal literature on international human rights law. Some authors tend to confound law and legal politics. Some may even present their own wishful thinking as prevailing law. This applies in particular to publications in German language. Furthermore, not all authors distinguish adequately between the international human rights treaties (which represent an important part of public international law) and the so-called "soft law" (political resolutions of international organisations or summits, which are *not* a source of law and therefore not binding the states directly). For example, caution should be exercised if the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 (a resolution of the UN General Assembly) is presented as directly binding law or if typical Western concepts of human rights are presented in details as legally binding. In human rights law as in other fields of law, successful, sustainable work depends decisively on a methodologically sound approach.

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