

HUMAN RIGHTS

Credits: 6 CFU

Language of the course: English

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This course has been specifically designed to address the needs and interests of students of international studies and, in particular, those interested in the study of peace and conflict resolution, international law, international politics and international development.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The main purpose of the course is to inform the students on the international protection of human rights promoted by international organisations to verify and assess the application by States parties of their obligations and the violations before the international and European courts. Especially, this course will examine and assess the European Court of human rights - ECHR jurisprudence on the Italian violations to verify the implementation of European Convention of Human Rights by the ECHR and the Italian State.

DETAILED PROGRAM

The course is divided into two modules, as follows:

Module I - The International protection of human rights

The first module introduces the main United Nations and regional systems for human rights protection and promotion and, in so doing, provides a tool for analyzing conflict and various forms of interventions attempting to promote peace and justice.

In addition, in this part will be analysed different strategies to advance human rights, including: the use of military force to promote human rights; the development of international criminal courts, truth commissions, and other attempts at transitional justice; the intersection of humanitarian and human rights law, with an introduction to war crimes, crimes against humanity and the specific crime of genocide; advocacy strategies concerning globalization and transnational corporations; and the human rights dimensions of terrorism.

Module II - The Italian protection of human rights and European Court of human rights jurisprudence – ECHR Particular cases-law will be examined and analysed during class to know the European Convention of Human Rights and its Protocols, the obligations of States, the procedure before the ECHR to verify the implementation by Italian and European States.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT METHODS

The class will be highly participatory and will encourage diversity of opinion and respect for differing views. To promote active learning, we will use in-class simulations, presentations and other exercises. Readings, essays and materials will be delivered by email.

Documents and articles on the jurisprudence of ECHR shall be distributed, examined and analyzed during the lectures.

Exam: written paper