Universitas 21 Summer School
“Human Rights”
University of Connecticut
July 8-18

**MONDAY, JULY 8**

8:00am – 9:30am  **Welcome Breakfast**  
With Vice Provost for Academic Administration Sally Reis

9:30am – 10:30am  **Human Rights Summer School: Introduction and Overview**  
Facilitators: Glenn Mitoma & Richard Wilson

10:30am – 11:00am  **Break**

11:00am – 12:30pm  **Origins, Early History and Philosophical Foundations**  
Facilitators: Serena Parekh, Wiktor Osiatynski & Richard Wilson

12:30pm-1:30pm  **Lunch**

1:45pm – 5:30pm  **Human Rights in the United Nations System**  
Break at 3:15-3:45  
Facilitators: Glenn Mitoma, Lanse Minkler, Shareen Hertel, Audrey Chapman, Emma Gilligan

This session will provide students with an overview of the International Bill of Rights (UDHR, ICCPR, ICESCR) as a legal document and the organization and functioning of the UN Human Rights System (HR Council, OHCHR, treaty bodies). The session will include a guided reading of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the ICCPR and ICESCR, followed by a small group activity. The students will map the UN Human Rights system, by exploring the UN website and constructing a diagram of the UN system. The session concludes with a case study drawn from the Universal Periodic Review of a chosen country.
Readings:

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Louis Henkin, "Human Rights: Ideology and Aspiration, Reality and Prospect"

Rhona K.M. Smith, "The United Nations Human Rights System"

6:00pm – 7:00pm  Dinner

7:00pm – 9:00pm  Film: Maid in America
Discussion: Fe Delos Santos, Asian American Studies

TUESDAY, JULY 9

7:00am – 8:30am  Breakfast

9:00am – 12:30pm  Nuremberg Tribunal and Dodd Archives
Break at 10:30-11:00
Facilitators: Richard Wilson, Graham Stinnett

This session will provide a history and analysis of the International Military Tribunal Trials of 22 members of the Nazi High Command at Nuremberg in 1945-6, the most important war crimes trials of the twentieth century and the trials that founded the modern era of human rights. Senator Thomas Dodd was Executive Trial Counsel in the Nuremberg Trials and his original papers are housed in the Dodd Center. They give a great deal of insight into how the prosecutors constructed their case against individual defendants. How could defendants be tried for crimes against humanity and genocide, when there was no legal precedent for such prosecutions? Students will be split into groups and will review the Nuremberg Trial papers for a specific defendant, and be asked to analyze the strategies adopted by the prosecution.

Reading:


12:30pm-1:30pm  Lunch

1:45pm – 5:30pm  Mobilizing for Human Rights
Break at 3:15-3:45
Facilitators: Kathryn Libal, Shareen Hertel, Elizabeth Holzer, Samuel Martinez, Kelly Matheson
This session provides insight into the relationship between social mobilization through nongovernmental actors and organizations and the realization of human rights. The first part of the session draws upon two case examples of economic and social rights mobilization in Bangladesh and Mexico and highlights a number of challenges to human rights practice, including tensions over “outsider” and “insider” status of actors, choice of frames for activism, and effects of institutionalization of NGOs on particular campaigns or social movements. The second part of the session focuses upon the work of WITNESS, a prominent U.S.-based NGO partnering with a variety of other organizations to foster human rights change through video advocacy.

Readings:


6:00pm – 7:00pm  Dinner
7:00pm – 9:00pm  Film: WITNESS Screening
Discussion: Kelly Matheson, WITNESS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 – New York City

Open Society Foundation

1:00pm-1:50pm  Welcome
OSF Board Member and Professor Wiktor Osiatynski

1:15pm-2:30pm  Presentations
Jim Goldston, OSF Justice Program Director
Emily Martinez, Human Rights Program Director

2:30pm-2:45pm  Break

2:45pm-3:30pm  Helsinki Foundation
Dominika Bychawska and Adam Bodnar

3:30pm-4:00pm  Break and discussion

4:00pm-5:30pm  Universality, Diversity & Culture: Women’s Human Rights at the Crossroads
Keynote Lecture from Charlotte Bunch
THURSDAY, JULY 11 – New York City

**United Nations**

9:00am-11:00am  Tour of United Nations Building
11:00am-1:00pm  Speaker from UN Women  
Nahla Valji  
1:00pm-5:30pm  Lunch and afternoon sightseeing in New York

FRIDAY, JULY 12

7:00am – 8:30am  Breakfast
9:00am – 12:30am  *Bringing the UN Conventions to Life*  
Break at 10:30-11:00  
Facilitators: Lynne Healy, Kathryn Libal, Samuel Martinez, Jon Bauer

This session provides an overview of the major United Nations Conventions and their applicability to country and global issues. In addition to short lectures, participants will be engaged in small group discussions and problem solving using case materials. Following an overview of the conventions, students will discuss a few questions in small groups. After the following lecture, small groups will use case material to apply a convention to a real situation.

**Readings:**


Jon Bauer, “Case Study on Applying the UN Refugee Convention and the Convention Against Torture.

Each student will be asked to read one concluding observation to their own country’s report on one of the following: the CRC; CEDAW; CERD, or the Convention on Torture.

12:30pm-1:30pm  Lunch
1:45pm – 5:30pm  *Quantitative Approaches to Human Rights*  
Break at 3:15-3:45  
Facilitators: David Richards, Nishith Prakash, Susan Randolph

This session provides examples of quantitative approaches to human rights. In the first part of the session, students will choose one or two workshops: “Economic Development: Microeconomic Issues” will focus on the role of education, human capital and human capabilities on well-being, “Fighting Violence
Against Women: Domestic Laws” will discuss one-of-a-kind data that illustrates the strength of domestic laws in 196 countries that address rape, marital rape, domestic violence, sexual harassment, and trafficking. The second part of the session will introduce the SERF Index, discuss what it reveals and how it has been adapted to help identify particular human rights challenges, and policies and practices that promote the fulfillment of economic and social rights.

Readings:

Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Terra Lawson-Remer, Susan Randolph, “Making the Principle of Progressive Realization Operational – the SERF Index, an Index for Monitoring State Fulfillment of Economic and Social Rights Obligations.”


Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo, Chapter 4 from Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty (Public Affairs, 2011).


6:00pm – 7:00pm   Dinner
7:00pm – 8:00pm   Group Work Preparation

SATURDAY JULY 13   Trip to Ocean Beach, CT

SUNDAY JULY 14   On-Campus Activities

MONDAY JULY 15

7:00am – 8:30am   Breakfast
9:00am – 12:30am   Critical Perspectives on Human Rights in the Humanities
                   Break at 10:30-11:00
                   Facilitators: Glenn Mitoma, Sebastian Wogenstein, Kerry Bystrom, Sarah Winter, Cathy Schlund-Vials

In this session, students will make use of humanities approaches to critically analyze human rights concepts and practices. Students will critically examine the term “human rights” by problematizing both the
signifiers “human” and “rights” before breaking into five groups that will discuss “Alternative Justice through Hip Hop,” “Emotion, Reason and Human Rights Appeals,” “Historical Critiques of Human Rights,” “Humanitarian Intervention,” and “Race, Colonialism and the Human Rights Idea.” Through two rotations, students will be able to participate in three of the five groups.

12:30pm - 1:30pm  Lunch

1:45pm – 3:15pm  KONY 2012: Success or Failure?
Facilitators: Sam Martinez, Kerry Bystrom, Glenn Mitoma

This session will provide terms and approaches for describing and understanding how moving and still images help mobilize public sympathy but also how imagery, in order to move viewers to take specific kinds action, is always supplemented by captions, narrations, testimony, ideas and the social relations forged through campaigns and new media. The session combines short lecture, screening of brief video clips, small group discussion and open question-and-answer.

Readings:
Chalk, Sophie, Kony 2012: Success or Failure?
http://www.ibt.org.uk/all_documents/research/IBT_KonySOweb.pdf#view=FitV

Mengestu, Dinaw, “Not a Click Away: Joseph Kony in the Real World”

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Suggested Groups:
Simulated Human Rights Treaty Negotiation
Creative Writing on Human Rights
Dramatic Expressions of Human Rights
Human Rights Video Production
Blogging on Human Rights: 21st Century Newsletter
Create a new Human Rights NGO
Develop an NGO ‘Shadow Report’ to a UN treaty

**Resources:**

- Video equipment for filmmaking,
- Access to computers for blog/website/newsletter design,
- Access to paint/printmaking supplies for posters,
- Access to rehearsal space for performances

6:00pm – 7:00pm  Dinner

**THURSDAY JULY 18**

7:00am – 8:30am  Breakfast

9:00am – 12:00am  Group Presentations
  Break at 10:30-11:00

12:00pm - 1:30pm  Lunch and Awards

1:45pm – 3:00pm  Human Rights Learning and Mentorship
  Shula Koenig

3:00pm – 5:00pm  Ice Cream Social