

Babes Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca
Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences
Academic Year 2013-2014
Second semester

CITIZENSHIP AND HUMAN RIGHTS – syllabus

Code: ULX1639
Credits: 4
Room II/4 (curs); II/1 (seminar)
Mondays: 14.00-17.00

Instructors :

Course : Irina Ana Kantor, PhD, lecturer
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Description of the discipline

The course presents the intellectual origins and manifestations of the human rights movement in relation to the development of modern citizenship and the subsequent effects in contemporary international law and politics. Major topics addressed by the course are: universalism and cultural relativism in the defense of human rights; gross and systematic violations of human rights, economic and social rights, citizenship, collective rights, instruments and organizations relevant in the protection of human rights, globalization; human rights under terrorism.

Course objectives

- Knowledge of the main historical issues in the development of citizenship and human rights on world scale
- Insight in the historical background of the movement for human rights and the fundamental causes of the negligence in respecting human rights; insight in the development of citizenship and its relation with the state
- Experience with the discussion on the relationship between citizenship and human rights

Evaluation

The evaluation of students who participate in the course and seminar consists of three components:

1. Active participation to courses and seminars. Students must read the bibliographical materials suggested for each of the meetings included in the schedule. This part of the evaluation has a 30% weight in the final score. The assessment is based on the basis of students' participation in course and seminar discussions, presentations prepared by students, and contributions to analyses and case studies during courses and seminars.
2. Team-presentations. Students will group in 2-persons teams that will prepare presentations on topics supported by texts made available by instructors during the course and the seminar. This part of the evaluation covers 20% of the final score.
3. Towards the end of the semester, students will take part in a student conference on issues related to citizenship and human rights in the context of democracy. The topics will have to be related to the subjects discussed during the course and seminar meetings. Students will develop their topic in papers, respecting the following instructions: suggested length: 5-6 pages [not counting the bibliography], Times New Roman, 12, spacing 1.5. The elaboration of papers and their presentations during the students conference weights 50% from the final grade.

The instructors will provide students with guidance for choosing the topics for the students conference. Students are encouraged to send their paper proposals by March, 30, via e-mail at: kantor@fspac.ro and angi@fspac.ro

Administrative and organization details and dealing with the exceptional situations:

1. The notion of **plagiarism** is defined according to the norms of Political Science department, described at: <http://fspac.ubbcluj.ro/resurse/formulare-regulamente/regul-etice-si-deontologie/> In the case of plagiarism to any of the examinations (final, partial or seminar evaluations) the course is considered failed with grade 1.
2. Any attempt of fraud during one of the examinations will be sanctioned with the elimination from the exam as well as expel.
3. ART.29(2) The student's Statute UBB – the attendance at the seminars is compulsory in proportion of 75%
4. The rules of the evaluation are the same for all the examinations

Compulsory readings:

Baehr, Peter R., 1999. *Human Rights. Universality in practice*. Macmillan Press LTD. London.

Human Rights in Europe since 1945. Antoine Fleury, Carole Fink et Lubor Jilek eds.

M.L. Leenders, *From Inclusion to Exclusion: Refugees and immigrants in Italy 1861-1943*, in: *Immigrants and Minorities* 1995

The Human Rights Reader. Major Political Writings, Essays, Speeches, and Documents From the Bible to the Present. Micheline R. Ishay. Routledge. New York 1997. Pp.263-280.

Human Rights in Global Politics. 1999. Tim Dunne and Nicholas Wheeler, eds. Cambridge University Press.

Contemporary State Terrorism. Theory and Practice. Ed. By Richard Jackson, Eamon Murphy and Scott Poyting. Routledge. London and New York 2010.

Meetings calendar

Week 1 Introductory Course

Part I

Week 2 Universalism

Bibliography:

Baehr Peter R., *Human Rights. Universality in Practice.* Mac Millan: London 1999, ch. 1: Introduction, pp.1-8, ch.2. Universalism versus Cultural Relativism. Pp.9-20.

Albert P. van Goudoever, *The Problem of International Protection of Human Rights since 1945. From international Legal declarations to commitment in Global Politics..* In *Human Rights in Europe since 1945/Les droits de l'homme en Europe depuis 1945*, eds. Antoine Fleury, Carole Fink et Lubor Jilek: Peter Lang: Bern 2003. Pp. 13-34

Presentations on: John Locke, *Second Treatise*, ch. 2, 7, 9, 11.

J. J. Rousseau *.Social Contract* ch. 4.,-6, 7,8.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights at website www.un.org

Week 3 Cultural Relativism

Bibliography:

Baehr Peter R., *Human Rights. Universality in Practice.* Mac Millan: London 1999. Ch. 4, 5.

Brown, Chris *Universal Human Rights: a critique.* In *Human Rights in Global Politics*, ch. 3.

Prezentări și discuții despre::

Michael Ignatieff,, *Human Rights as politics and Idolatry.* Ed. Amy Gutman. Princeton University Press Princeton and Oxford 2001

Richard Rorty, *Human Rights, Rationality and Sentimentality.* In *The Human Rights Reader*, ed. Micheline R. Ishay routledge London 1997

Week 4 Cultural Relativism

Presentations and discussions on:

Ken Booth, Three Tyrannies, in Human Rights in Global Politics, ch. 1
Jack Donnaly, The Social Consequences of International Human rights, in Human Rights in Global Politics, ch. 2.

Part II

Week 5 Gross and Systematic violations of human rights

Bibliography:

Baehr Peter R., Human Rights.Universality in Practice. Mac Millan: London 1999. Ch. 3..
Ian Kershaw and Moshe Levin, Stalinism and Nazism: Dictatorships in comparison.

Richard Falk, The Challenge of Genocide, in Human Rights in Global Politics, ch. 8.

Presentations and discussions on:
The Process of Nurenberg
Chile - the Case of general Pinochet

Week 6 Gross and Systematic violations of human rights (2)

Baehr Peter R., Human Rights.Universality in Practice. Mac Millan: London 1999. Ch. 3..
Ian Kershaw and Moshe Levin, Stalinism and Nazism: Dictatorships in comparison.
Richard Falk, The Challenge of Genocide, in Human Rights in Global Politics, ch. 8.
Prezentări și discuții despre procesele din Balcani - Balkan Trials - Bosnia, and Rwanda,

Part III

Week 7 The formation of the modern state and modern citizenship (1)

Bibliography:

T.H. Marshall,Citizenship and social Class. In The Citizenship Debates. A Reader. Ed. By Gershon Shafir, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis 1998
Michael Hanagan, Changing citizenship, changing state, in Michael Hanagan and Charles Tilly, Extending Citizenship, Reconfiguring States, Rowman & Littlefield Publ. : Lanham 1999
Roger Brubaker, Citizenship and nationhood in France and Germany, Harvard UP: Cambridge, Mass. 1996, ch.2.

Week 8 The formation of the modern state and modern citizenship (2)

Bibliography:

Antje Weiner, from special to specialized rights in Michael Hanagan and Charles Tilly, *Extending Citizenship, Reconfiguring States*, Rowman & Littlefield Publ. : Lanham 1999, ch. 9.

Suzanne Shanahan, scripted debates in Michael Hanagan and Charles Tilly, *Extending Citizenship, Reconfiguring States*, Rowman & Littlefield Publ. : Lanham 1999, ch. 4.

Human Rights in Global Politics, ch. 4, 5. 10

Part IV

Week 9 *Instruments and organizations. Human rights in the context of the European Union*

Bibliography:

Baehr Peter R., *Human Rights. Universality in Practice*. Mac Millan: London 1999, ch. 6.7., 10

Human Rights in Global Politics, Kaldor and Shaw

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights. *Fundamental rights: key legal and policy developments in 2012*.

Week 10 *Globalization and Refugees*

Bibliography:

Baehr Peter R., *Human Rights. Universality in Practice*. Mac Millan: London 1999, ch. 8

Human Rights in Global Politics, Gil Loescher, *Refugees*.

A. Cook, *The rights of Minorities in post 1945 Europe*, in *Human Rights in Europe since 1945/Les droits de l'homme en Europe depuis 1945*, eds. Antoine Fleury, Carole Fink et Lubor Jilek: Peter Lang: Bern 2003 **Part I**

Part V

Week 11 *Past violations – dealing with a past of terror* (1)

Bibliography:

Baehr Peter R., *Human Rights. Universality in Practice*. Mac Millan: London 1999, ch. 9

David Forsythe, *Justice after Justice*, in *Human Rights in Europe since 1945/Les droits de l'homme en Europe depuis 1945*, eds. Antoine Fleury, Carole Fink et Lubor Jilek: Peter Lang: Bern 2003

Week 12 *Past violations – dealing with a past of terror* (2)

Bibliography:

Michael Biddiss, *Nuremberg Trials*, in *Human Rights in Europe since 1945/Les droits de l'homme en Europe depuis 1945*, eds. Antoine Fleury, Carole Fink et Lubor Jilek: Peter Lang: Bern 2003

Baehr Peter R., *Human Rights. Universality in Practice*. Mac Millan: London 1999, ch. 9

Week 13 *Terrorism and Human Rights*

Bibliography:

Contemporary State Terrorism. Theory and Practice. Ed. By Richard Jackson, Eamon Murphy and Scott Poyting. Routledge. London and New York 2010.

Week 14 *Cursul Pasprezece Recapitulare*