

HUNTER COLLEGE HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM: SPRING 2018 COURSES

Human Rights Program Spring 2018 Core Courses

HR 200 Introduction to Human Rights

This course explores the historical, philosophical, and legal roots of human rights as a political idea and institutionalized practice, and addresses the contested nature of human rights in contemporary societies. This is a requirement for students pursuing a Minor or Certificate. HR 200 is recommended but not required for students taking our 200-level elective courses. It is a pre-requisite for our 300-level elective courses. The program will consider overtally requests from students planning to enroll in the Minor or Certificate.



- (1) **HR 200, Section 01** Mondays, 5:35pm – 8:25pm, RH 304
Taught by **Carla De Ycaza**, PhD, Specialist in Traditional and Modern African Approaches to Transitional Justice
- (2) **HR 200, Section 02** Tuesdays, 1:10pm – 4:00pm, RH 304
Taught by **Babatunde Olugboji**, Deputy Program Director, Human Rights Watch
- (3) **HR 200, Section 03** Wednesdays, 3:10pm – 6:00pm, RH 204
Taught by **Faraz Sanei**, Director of the Project for Freedom of Religion or Belief (Ralph Bunche Institute at CUNY Graduate Center)
- (4) **HR 200, Section 04** Thursdays, 1:10pm – 4:00pm, RH 304
Taught by **Joseph Chuman**, Columbia PhD in Religion & Ethical Culture Society Leader
- (5) **HR 200, Section 05** Fridays, 1:10pm – 4:00pm, RH 204
Taught by **Carla De Ycaza**, PhD, Specialist in Traditional and Modern African Approaches to Transitional Justice



HR 250 Human Rights Internship

Required of all students pursuing the Minor or Certificate. Students should see **Professor Smita Narula**, Interim Director of the Human Rights Program, to discuss internships.



HR 350 Human Rights Capstone Seminar

Wednesdays 10:10am – 1:00pm, RH 202 (SDR Library)

Taught by **Mark Shulman**, Human Rights Lawyer and Law Professor

Required of all students pursuing the Certificate in Human Rights, students engage in human rights research as well as drafting and presenting a substantial paper.

Human Rights Program Spring 2018 Elective Courses

HR 200 is recommended but not required for 200-level courses. HR 200 is a pre-requisite for 300-level courses.



HR 220.10 From Civil Rights to Human Rights: Community Organizing for Social Change

Mondays, 10:10am – 1:00pm, RH 204, 3 credits

Rob Robinson, *Community Organizer and Co-founder, Take Back the Land Movement*

This course will explore how social movements in the U.S. and abroad are using human rights frameworks and mechanisms to advance their struggles for racial justice and social and economic rights, including the rights to water, land, and housing. The course will also situate contemporary activism in historic context by shedding light on the longstanding efforts of African-American activists to advance racial justice using the lexicon and moral authority of human rights, as opposed to a narrower civil rights framing.



HR 220.11 The Migration Crisis: Refugee and Immigrant Rights in Policy and Practice

Wednesdays, 4:35pm – 7:25pm, RH 304, 3 credits

Roni Amit, PhD, *Human Rights Lawyer & Clinical Fellow, Deportation Defense Clinic, Hofstra Univ.*

This course will explore State responses to the migration crisis. Students will learn the theoretical and conceptual underpinnings of refugee law and how political developments affect refugee protection. Students will also examine State responses to migrant flows, including States' increased reliance on detention, immigration, and criminal law. Case studies will explore global and regional responses to migrant crises stemming, for example, from the Syrian civil war and the persecution of the Rohingya in Burma. Case studies will also highlight recent developments in US immigration law, including the DACA repeal, immigration ban(s), increased deportation, and the growing overlap between immigration and criminal law.



HR 220.12 The Global Food System: Power, Politics, and Human Rights

Thursdays, 10:10am – 1:00pm, RH 204, 3 credits

Smita Narula, *Interim Director, Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House, and Right to Food Scholar*

The ability of millions to produce or access sufficient, nutritious food is deeply imperiled by the fundamental imbalance of power in our global food system. A handful of agribusinesses exert immense control over and reap tremendous profit from the production, processing, and retailing of our food, while small-scale farmers, agricultural laborers, and fast food workers—especially women and people of color among them—form the majority of the world's food insecure. This course will examine power and politics in the global food system and will explore the efforts of various actors to shift power dynamics—using the narratives and frameworks of food justice, food sovereignty, and the right to food—to build food systems that are sustainable, nourishing and just. Students will also explore historic and contemporary manifestations of structural racism in our food system, as well as the environmental and ecological impacts of industrial food production.



HR 220.13 National Security and Human Rights: Mass Surveillance, Torture, and Discrimination in the Post 9-11 Era

Fridays, 9:10am to 12:00pm, RH 204, 3 credits

Jamil Dakwar, *Director, ACLU Human Rights Program*

This course will examine legal, human rights, and efficacy questions related to counterterrorism policies and measures that have been adopted by the U.S. and other governments since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, including the use of torture, targeted killings, mass surveillance, racial profiling, terrorist watch lists, and travel bans. Students will come away with a deeper understanding of the human rights obligations that States must comply with while addressing national security concerns.



HR 320.05 Resource Extraction, Development and Human Rights

Tuesdays, 5:10pm – 8:00pm, RH 304, 3 credits

Jehanne Henry, *Senior Researcher, Africa Division, Human Rights Watch*

This course evaluates the human rights impacts of investment and development projects, including projects in extractive industries (oil, gas, metals and minerals), manufacturing (such as the garment industry) and large-scale infrastructure (such as dams). The course critically examines the role that international financial institutions, development agencies, and the private sector often play in perpetuating extreme wealth inequality and entrenching human rights abuses. Students will also explore how and whether rights-based approaches to investment and development can help level the playing field.

Elective Cognate Human Rights Courses

Please visit <http://www.roosevelthouse.hunter.cuny.edu/hrp/hrp-courses/spring-2018-human-rights-courses/> for a full list and check the catalogue for which courses are offered in Spring 2018.