

**Legal Studies 154**  
**Human Rights Research and Practice**  
T / TH 2:00 – 3:30 pm Room 50 Birge – 4 units

This course provides an overview of international human rights, including the field's historical and theoretical foundations; the jurisprudence of international human rights; empirical insights from disciplines such as sociology, psychology, history, and anthropology; and emerging trends in human rights practice.

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**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Participation (25% of grade): This includes class attendance and participation in the lecture sessions and the discussion sessions, as well as participation in two class surveys.
- Midterm exam (20% of grade) Thur, March 17, 2016
- Final exam (25% of grade) Monday, May 9, 2016 11:30 am – 2:30 pm
- Research Project (30% of grade) consisting of a ten-page paper

- Textbooks:
  - The Right Toolkit (available at <https://www.law.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/The-Right-Toolkit.pdf>)
  - Ronald C. Slye and Beth Van Schaack, *International Criminal Law: Essentials* (Aspen Publishers 2008)
  - Other readings will be available on the course website

<b>Unit One: Foundations of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law</b>
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**Tues, Jan 19: Introduction to the Course**

Lecturers: Alexa Koenig and Eric Stover

Reading: None

**Thur, Jan 21: Introduction to International Humanitarian Law**

Lecturer: Eric Stover

Reading: Dermot Groome, *The Handbook of Human Rights Investigations*, pgs. 1-36

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**Tues, Jan 26: Introduction to Human Rights: The History of Human Rights**

Lecturer: Lynsay Skiba

Reading: Cmiel, "The Recent History of Human Rights"

**Thur, Jan 28: Introduction to Human Rights: The International Bill of Rights**

Lecturer: Alexa Koenig

Reading: Alston and Goodman, *International Human Rights: Excerpts* (pages 139-144, 146-149, 157-165, 181-185, 277-282)

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**Tues, Feb 2: Introduction to Transitional Justice**

Lecturer: Eric Stover

Reading: Roht-Arriaza and Mariecurrena, "Transitional Justice in the Twenty-First Century;" *Transitional Justice 01 Readings All*

Supplemental Reading: Weinstein, "Editorial Note: The Myth of Closure"

**Thur, Feb 4: Introduction to International Criminal Law: Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity**

Lecturers: Alexa Koenig and Eric Stover

Reading: Van Schaack and Slye, *Essentials: International Criminal Law*, ch. 6 (section on jus in bello), ch. 8

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### **Tues, Feb 9: International Tribunals**

Lecturer: Eric Stover

Reading: Leitner Center, International Criminal Tribunals (available at <http://www.leitnercenter.org/files/News/International%20Criminal%20Tribunals.pdf>)

### **Thur, Feb 11: International Tribunals, Continued**

Lecturer: Film Viewing: Calling the Ghosts (60 minutes)

Reading: Schiff, Building the International Criminal Court: Introduction + Chapter 1

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### **Tues, Feb 16: International Criminal Court**

Lecturer: Alexa Koenig

Film Excerpt: The Reckoning (20 minutes)

Reading: Please explore the ICC website at [http://www.icc-cpi.int/en\\_menus/icc/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/icc/Pages/default.aspx) (especially the sections in blue along the left hand side, including About the Court, Structure of the Court, and Situations and Cases); The Challenges of the International Criminal Court (<http://www.law.utoronto.ca/news/challenges-international-criminal-court>)

### **Thur, Feb 18: Human Rights Prosecutions (Sexual Violence Case Study)**

Lecturer: Kim Thuy Seelinger, Sexual Violence Program Director, HRC

Reading: International Protocol on the Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence in Conflict-Part 1 (pp. 15-27); Cohen et al, "Wartime Sexual Violence"

<b>Unit Two: Human Rights Investigations, Research and Documentation</b>
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### **Tues, Feb 23: Introduction to Research Ethics**

Film Viewing: Novo Films: Tuskegee (60 minutes)

Reading: Marcia Angell, Medical Research: The Dangers to the Human Subjects, New York Review of Books

### **Thur, Feb 25: Research Ethics**

Lecturer: Eric Stover

Reading: Belmont Report

### **Thur, Feb 25: Data Management Special Session 6 pm Kroeber 160**

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### **Tues, Mar 1: Institutional Review Boards and the Belmont Report**

Lecturer: Carmen Lam, Institutional Review Board Coordinator and Tani Prestage, Assistant Director, Office for Protection of Human Subjects, UC Berkeley

Reading: Reverby 2011

**Thur, Mar 3: Research Design: Qualitative and Quantitative Methods**

Lecturer: Alexa Koenig, Brent Nakamura and Aniket Kesari

Reading: The Right Toolkit (available at <https://www.law.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/The-Right-Toolkit.pdf>); Best, Chapter 2: Soft Facts, in *Damned Lies and Statistics*

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**Tues, Mar 8: Research in Action**

Lecturer: Marci Hoffman, Lecturer & Associate Director, UC Berkeley Law Library

Reading: Chapter 15, Human Rights, in *International and Foreign Legal Research: A Coursebook* (2012)

**Thur, Mar 10: Scientific and Forensic Investigations**

Lecturer: Eric Stover

Reading: Stover, Shigekane, "Exhumations of Mass Graves," *My Neighbor, My Enemy*  
Supplemental Reading: Groome, Ch. 2, "Human Rights Investigation," in *The Handbook of Human Rights Investigation*

**Fri, Mar 11: Research Question Assignment**

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**Tues, Mar 15: Data**

Lecturer: Keith Hiatt, Senior Researcher and Technologist, Human Rights Center

Reading: Latonero and Gold, "Data, Human Rights & Human Security"

**Thur, Mar 17: Midterm**

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**Tues, Mar 22: NO CLASS - SPRING BREAK**

**Thur, Mar 24: NO CLASS - SPRING BREAK**

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**Tues, Mar 29: Civil Liberties and Infectious Diseases**

Lecturer: Art Reingold, Professor and Head of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley

Reading: Hickox, "Caught Between Civil Liberties and Public Safety Fears"

**Thur, Mar 31: Landmines**

Lecturer: Eric Stover

Reading: Andersson et al, "Social Cost of Land Mines in Four Countries"; Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction; Landmines Protocol Amended 1996.

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**Tues, April 5: Women's Rights and Family Planning in Mozambique**

Lecturer: Cassandra Blazer, Doctoral Student, School of Public Health; Bixby Doctoral Fellow and Human Rights Center Fellow, University of California, Berkeley  
Reading: To be announced

**Thur, April 7: Social Media Investigations**

Lecturer: Tentative: Felim McMahon, ICC Investigator and Gavin Sheridan, Viz Legal  
Readings: To be announced

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**Tues, April 12: Journalism and Documentary Filmmaking**

Lecturer: Elizabeth Farnsworth, Former Chief Correspondent of *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, filmmaker, writer  
Reading: To be announced

**Thur, April 14: Photography and Documentary Filmmaking**

Lecturer: Mimi Chakarova, UC Berkeley School of Journalism  
Reading: Please visit [www.priceofsex.org](http://www.priceofsex.org), watch the film trailer, and read the top 4 interviews under "react and read;" please also view <http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/flashpoint>

<b>Unit Three: Hot Topics in International Human Rights</b>
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**Tues, April 19: Post 9/11 and the "War on Terror"**

Film Viewing: Taxi to the Dark Side (106 minutes)

Reading: Hiding in Plain Sight: Chapter 9

Optional: Please skim Guantanamo and its Aftermath (available at [https://www.law.berkeley.edu/files/IHRLC/Guantanamo\\_and\\_Its\\_Aftermath.pdf](https://www.law.berkeley.edu/files/IHRLC/Guantanamo_and_Its_Aftermath.pdf))

**Thur, April 21: Business and Human Rights**

Lecturer: Faris Natour, Haas School of Business

Reading: Ruggie, Just Business: Chapter 1

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**Tues, April 26: Guantanamo, Drones & Emerging Technologies**

Lecturer: Alexa Koenig and Eric Stover

Reading: White Paper on Drones; Koenig, US News; Hiding in Plain Sight: Epilogue

Optional reading: Singer, Wired for War: Introduction

**Thur, April 28: Last Class**

**Fri, April 29: Paper Due**

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**Tues, May 3: Reading and Review Week [no class]**

**Thur, May 5: Reading and Review Week [no class]**

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**Final Exam: Monday, May 9 from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm**