

FENERBAHÇE UNIVERSITY
FALL 2022-2023

IR461- THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE EU I

Basic Information:

Schedule:	Wednesday 10:00 – 12.50
Classroom:	B-411
Instructor & office hours:	Dr. Nihan Akıncılar Köseoğlu (nihan.koseoglu@fbu.edu.tr / prohreu@fbu.edu.tr)
	Wednesday 13.00-15.00 Thursday 13.00-15.00
Textbook:	Reading package can be found below. EU Annual Reports on Human Rights and Democracy (https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/eu-annual-reports-human-rights-and-democracy_en) Human Rights Watch World Reports (www.hrw.org/world-report)
Assessment:	Attendance: 50% Evaluation Report: 50 %

Course Description:

The Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in the EU I is a two-semester elective university course based on Jean Monnet Module of PROHREU which aims to teach students the human rights policies, legal regulations, practices and control mechanisms of the European Union from past to present. In addition, it encourages analytical thinking with various tools to be used during the lesson, allowing students to adopt a critical perspective approach while examining the topics mentioned. With these achievements, it is aimed that the students acquire a rational vision of the EU's human rights record.

Website: prohreu.fbu.edu.tr

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fbu.prohreu/>

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Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRok1VTPT357EwbGiVximuA>

Textbook:

Reading suggestions for each week can be found below.

Attendance Requirements:

Attendance at lectures is mandatory.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

The term 'academic misconduct' includes all forms of student academic misconduct but not limited to only cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with written assignments and examinations.

Copying a person's work or writing (in any form) without proper citation constitutes plagiarism and it is a serious offence. In this respect, NEVER EVER attempt to copy a friend's homework or anything you find on the internet. Always use your own sentences and wording.

Study Suggestions:

- Please do each week's reading before that week's classes. And please go over your notes after each class.

Evaluation Report: Students should choose one of the human rights that they learned during the classes, and prepare a poster for that human right. In the last week of the semester, students should present their posters. Each student should prepare one poster for one or more human rights, and should write an essay which explains that poster. In the final exam, students should write their essays on the exam paper.

RESERVE CLAUSE:

I reserve the right to make changes in the syllabus when necessary to meet the learning outcome objectives, to compensate for missed classes or schedule changes, or for similar legitimate reasons. Students will be notified of any such changes to the syllabus in adequate time to adjust to those changes.

WEEKLY PROGRAM

Week 1 (05.10.2022)

5 October (Wed): Introduction

Readings: R. Panikkar. (1982). Is the Notion of Human Rights a Western Concept? Diogenes. 30, 75. 75-102.

Week 2 (12.10.2022)

12 October (Wed): Key Human Rights Terms and Principles

Readings: Charles R. Beitz. (2009). The Idea Of Human Rights. Oxford University Press.
Ilias Bantekas & Lutz Oette. (2020). International Human Rights Law and Practice. Cambridge University Press.

Week 3 (19.10.2022)

19 October (Wed): History of Human Rights & Theories

Readings: David P. Forsythe. (2006). Human Rights in International Relations. Cambridge University Press.
Ilias Bantekas & Lutz Oette. (2020). International Human Rights Law and Practice. Cambridge University Press.

Week 4 (26.10.2022)

26 October (Wed): Key Human Rights Agreements and Protection Mechanisms in the EU

Readings: Sara Iglesias Sánchez & Maribel González Pascual. (2021). Fundamental Rights in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. Cambridge University Press.

Week 5 (02.11.2022)

2 November (Wed): The European Convention on Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights, and the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

Readings: Steven Greer. (2006). The European Convention on Human Rights: Achievements, Problems and Prospects. Cambridge University Press.
Noreen O'Meara. (2011). "A More Secure Europe of Rights?" The European Court of Human Rights, the Court of Justice of the European Union and EU Accession to the ECHR. German Law Journal. 12,10. 1813-1832).

Week 6 (9.11.2022)

9 November (Wed): Prohibition of Discrimination

Readings: Rory O'Connell. (2009). Cinderella comes to the Ball: Art 14 and the right to non-discrimination in the ECHR. *Legal Studies*. 29,2. 211-229.

Week 7 (16.11.2022)

16 November (Wed): Minority Rights

Readings: Bernd Rechel. (2008). *Minority Rights in Central and Eastern Europe*. Routledge.

Week 8 (23.11.2022)

23 November (Wed): Freedom of thought, conscience and religion

Readings: A Commentary on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. *The UN Human Rights Committee's Monitoring of ICCPR Rights*. 499-537.

Week 9 (30.11.2022)

30 November (Wed): Freedom of assembly and association

Readings: Larry Alexander. (2008). What is Freedom of Association, and What is its Denial? *Social Philosophy and Policy*. 25,2. 1-21.

Week 10 (07.12.2022)

7 December (Wed): Women Rights

Readings: Patricia Grimshaw, Katie Holmes & Marilyn Lake. (2001). *Women's Rights and Human Rights: International Historical Perspectives*. Palgrave.

Week 11 (14.12.2022)

14 December (Wed): Violence against Women

Readings: Patrizia Romito. (2008). A deafening silence. Hidden violence against women and children. The Policy Press. University of Bristol.

Week 12 (21.12.2022)

21 December (Wed): Refugee and Migrant Children

Readings: Sara Iglesias Sánchez & Maribel González Pascual. (2021). *Fundamental Rights in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice*. Cambridge University Press.

Week 13 (28.12.2022)

28 December (Wed): Children Rights

Readings: Sara Iglesias Sánchez & Maribel González Pascual. (2021). *Fundamental Rights in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice*. Cambridge University Press.

Week 14 (04.01.2023)

4 January (Wed): Overall Assessment & Students' Poster Presentations

*****FINAL date will be announced by the university (January, 09-22 2023)*****

Documentaries & Movies & Videos

1. Universal Declaration of Human Rights

About: Declaration of Human Rights

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RR4VXNX3jA&ab_channel=UNHumanRights

2. The Story of Human Rights

About: History of Human Rights

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XXGF_V8_7M&t=106s&ab_channel=Scientology

3. For Everyone, everywhere: The Making of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

About: History of Human Rights by UN

Link: <https://www.unmultimedia.org/avlibrary/asset/1994/1994991/>

4. Film on the European Court of Human Rights

Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPWGDhgQlgk&t=44s&ab_channel=EuropeanCourtofHumanRights

5. The European Convention on Human Rights

Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOcmUQTgjCw&ab_channel=EuropeanCourtofHumanRights

6. Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (English version)

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UybuIA5rSo&ab_channel=CouncilofEurope

7. The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fceik3nGkxM&ab_channel=EuropeanUnionAgencyforFundamentalRights%28FRA%29

8. EU Minorities and Discrimination Survey

Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEsAIVZSscY&ab_channel=EuropeanUnionAgencyforFundamentalRights%28FRA%29

9. The Court of Justice: Guaranteeing Equal Treatment and Protecting Minority Rights

Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpSnHFfG5hI&ab_channel=CourtofJusticeoftheEuropeanUnion

10. Freedom of religion or belief: a universal human right

Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzgEgMilk6o&ab_channel=TheOrganizationforSecurityandCooperationinEurope%28OSCE%29

11. Women's Rights in the EU

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khUiFoNye4M&ab_channel=EuropeanParliament

12. Iron Jawed Angels

About: Women Rights

Link: <https://hdtoday.tv/watch-movie/watch-iron-jawed-angels-hd-53564.5403538>

13. Stolen Childhoods

About: Children Rights

Link: On Amazon Prime

14. Capernaum – Kefernahum

About: Refugee

Link: Netflix

15. Quo Vadis, Aida?

About: War, Genocide

Link: <https://m4uhd.cc/watch-movie-quo-vadis-aida-2020-255293.html>

16. I Am Slave (2010)

About: Slavery

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3HlpwoNDnk&ab_channel=akMuratNET

17. Zu Weit Weg / Too Far Away (2019)

About: Refugee Children

18. Made in Dagenham (2010)

About: Equal pay for equal work