

Crims contra la humanitat i els drets humans

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Utilització d'idiomes

Llengua vehicular majoritària: anglès (eng)

Algun grup íntegre en anglès: Sí

Algun grup íntegre en català: No

Algun grup íntegre en espanyol: No

Prerequisits

Domini de l'anglès

Objectius

The course aims to provide a non lawyer student an insight view of the core topics of international human rights law and international criminal law, as well as the scope and the content of the legal responses available under two branches of contemporary international law, namely human rights law and international criminal law, to atrocities that can be defined as war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and human rights violations, all by offering a broad and deep understanding of relevant issues and supporting the development of academic skills through the analyzing of such issues theoretically and in practice

Competències

- Accedir i interpretar les fonts de dades sobre la criminalitat.
- Analitzar el conflicte i la criminalitat utilitzant les teories criminològiques i els seus fonaments psicològics i sociològics.
- Demostrar que es comprenen els models de prevenció i intervenció de la criminalitat més adequats per a cada problema específic.
- Demostrar que es coneix la diversitat de polítiques criminals per afrontar la criminalitat i els seus diferents fonaments.
- Dissenyar una recerca criminològica identificant l'estratègia metodològica adequada als objectius plantejats.
- Identificar els recursos socials existents per intervenir en el conflicte i en la criminalitat.
- Redactar un treball acadèmic.
- Relacionar-se respectuosament amb persones.
- Tenir capacitat d'anàlisi i síntesi.
- Transmetre oralment les idees a una audiència.
- Treballar de manera autònoma.
- Treballar en equip i en xarxa.
- Utilitzar les tècniques d'avaluació del risc i les necessitats criminògenes d'una persona per determinar la proposta d'intervenció.

Resultats d'aprenentatge

1. Analitzar amb criteri científic les informacions obtingudes en les bases de dades criminològiques.
2. Aplicar amb precisió els models de prevenció en situacions concretes de criminalitat.
3. Aplicar de manera eficaç els fonaments de les diferents polítiques criminals en l'activitat professional.
4. Aplicar el coneixement científic criminològic per analitzar la delinqüència.
5. Escollir de manera adequada el recurs social per a cada cas d'intervenció professional.
6. Inferir els models d'intervenció en funció d'una avaluació de necessitats prèvia eficaç.
7. Redactar un treball acadèmic.
8. Relacionar-se respectuosament amb persones.
9. Tenir capacitat d'anàlisi i síntesi.
10. Transmetre oralment les idees a una audiència.
11. Treballar de manera autònoma.
12. Treballar en equip i en xarxa.
13. Utilitzar la metodologia d'investigació necessària en funció de la recerca criminològica plantejada.

Continguts

NOTE: the compulsory readings to prepare the sessions as well as the topics and/or question will be attach at the campus virtual (moodle) following the moodle cronology

CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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PART ONE: GENERAL FRAMEWORK

Topic 1: The international system and its characteristics

- Some misunderstandings about international law and international society
- The main actors at international level
- The normative system of international society
- Who decided the structural principles of international society and its reflection in international law

Topic 2: The individual position under the international legal system

- Distinction between the domestic and the international sphere
- The role of the socio-political context to explain the individual position in international law
- The possibilities:
 - Individual rights at international level (what is a right, what is it at International level)
 - Individual crimes at international level (what is a crime, what is it at International level)

Case studies of part one:

- The end of slavery
- The recognition of labor rights
- The role of UN in the internationalization of Human rights: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)
- The incrimination of individuals for international crimes: the Nüremberg Trials (1946)

Debate 1 : International law and individual: prevention and/or reaction against violations of human rights?

PART TWO: INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND CRIMES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW

Topic 3: The rights recognized under international law

- Rights recognized at universal level
- Rights recognized at European level
- Rights recognized under other regional level
 - America
 - Africa
 - Asia
- Specific rights recognized by international law under international or domestic armed conflicts

Case studies of topic 3:

- Comparative study of rights recognized at universal and regional level
- Comparative study of the interpretation of some rights recognized at universal and regional level (discrimination, freedom of religion; freedom of expression; right to live, etc..)

Debate 2: *Are all humans basically the same?*

Topic 4: Crimes recognized under international law

- The crime of aggression
- Genocide
- War crimes in international and domestic armed conflict
- The special case of Crime against humanity
 - General elements of the crime
 - Subtypes: from mass murder to sexual aggression

(a) murder; (b) extermination; (c) enslavement; (d) deportation or forcible transfer of population; (e) imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty in violation of fundamental rules of international law; (f) torture; (g) rape, sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, enforced sterilization, or any other form of sexual violence of comparable gravity; (h) persecution against any identifiable group or collectively on political, racial, national, ethnic, cultural, religious, gender ..., or other grounds that are universally recognized as impermissible under international law, in connection with any act referred to in this paragraph or any crime within the jurisdiction of the Court; (i) enforced disappearance of persons; (j) apartheid; (k) other inhumane acts of a similar character intentionally causing great suffering, or serious injury to body or to mental or physical health.

- Other possible crimes not included as international crimes

Case studies of topic 4:

- Crime against humanity: ad hoc courts case law
- Crime against humanity: ICC practice so far

Debate 3: *Can aggression be a crime against humanity?*

PART THREE: VICTIMS PROTECTION MECHANISMS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW

Topic 5: International mechanisms to protect human rights: its slow and reluctant evolution

- Differences and similarities between the conventional and non conventional mechanisms
- The contrast between general and regional protection: commissions /committees / Courts

Case studies of topic 5:

- The application of principle of self determination by UN
- The fight against apartheid
- The international reaction against Latin-American military regimes mass violation of human rights
- The treatment of gender discrimination
- Children's rights

Debate 4 : Why some human rights deserve more attention than other in the international system?

Topic 6: The international prosecution of international criminals

- The socio-political context: key to prosecuting international criminals
- Differences and similarities between the ad hoc courts and the ICC structure
- The role of the prosecutor's office in the ad hoc system and the ICC
- The role of the victims in the ad hoc system and in the ICC

Case studies of topic 6:

- The former Yugoslavian conflict
- The Rwanda Genocide
- The 3 cases presented by the states to the ICC (DRC; Uganda; CAR)
- The 2 cases initiated *proprio motu* by the prosecutor (Kenya, Ivory Coast)
- The 2 cases proposed by the Security Council (Darfur; Libya)

Debate 5: What is important when prosecuting international criminals?

PART FOUR: INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ITS ROLE TO PREVENT/REACT AGAINST MASS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMES

Topic 7: Examples of the role of the Security Council in conflict zones: mediators/peace forces (blue helmets) or authorization to intervention

Case studies of actions adopted by the Security Council and its consequences:

- Iraq
- Kosovo
- Ivory Coast
- Congo

- Darfur
- Libya
- Syria
- Palestine territories...

Debate 6: *Security Council actions: not the "ideal" so... better without them?*

Topic 8: Examples of international criminal law treatment in domestic systems

- The recognition of international crimes as *ius cogens* by some states (i.e. Argentina, Estonia)
- The debate in domestic society about justice and/or peace (i.e. Uruguay, Sud frica; CAC)
- The non recognition of international crimes as part of domestic law (i.e. Per  before 2009; Chile)
- A domestic application/interpretation of international crimes (i.e USA and war crimes)

Case Study of topic 8:

- Spanish prosecution of international crimes and the principle of legality: from Pinochet case to Garz n Trial:
 - The implication of Pinochet case
 - Other cases of international crimes prosecutions by Spain through universal jurisdiction: The war between the Supreme Court and the Constitutional Court (Rigoberta Mench ; Scilingo; Tiananmen; Guantanamo)
 - The international crimes under Franco's regime

Final Debate: *The presence of the individual in the international system: a worthy effort?*

Metodologia

PAPER ON A CASE STUDY

3.500-4.000 word paper where the student has to analyze one of the case studies. The structure of the paper must have:

1. Introduction: brief description of the situation and its context
2. Presentation of the human rights problem/s founded in the case
3. Relation of the case with the topics within the course and if it is possible, comparison with other situations studied at class
4. Presentation of the results obtained to protect the human rights so far
5. Proposal for new/alternative/complementary actions to improve the solutions
6. Personal comment of the case

WEB PAGE REPORT

1.000 words pages report of a campaign or the following of one topic related with the course by an international organization (IGO or NGO)

ORAL PRESENTATION

Preparation and presentation by 2 or 3 students of one case.

The case has to be different from the one of the paper).

The presentation (using power point) has to be focus on the main issues and questions that the situation presents and open a debate about possible way to face it.

CLASS AND DEBATE PARTICIPATION

The active attitude of the student is compulsory and it will count for the final mark

READINGS

The previous preparation of the sessions is compulsory and it will count for the final mark.

The compulsory readings for each session, as well as the topics and/or questions to prepare them will be poin it out at the campus virtual (moodle)

Activitats formatives

Títol	Hores	ECTS	Resultats d'aprenentatge
Tipus: Dirigides			
Class participation	20	0,8	4, 8, 9, 10, 12
Debate participation	6	0,24	1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12
Tipus: Supervisades			
Oral presentation	25	1	1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13
Paper on a case study	33	1,32	6, 7, 9, 11, 13
Web report	21	0,84	1, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13
Tipus: Autònomes			
readings	45	1,8	9, 11

Avaluació

The Evaluation system is continuous. The final mark to pass the course is a "5" and ther will be no final exam.

To obtain a grade the student has to have a mark over 4 on each of the six different kind of activities proposed:

- 1) Paper on a case study (30%);
- 2) Reading tests (15%);
- 3) Oral presentation (15%);
- 4) Web report (15%);
- 5) Class participation (15%)
- 6) Debate participation (10%).

The paper, the report and the oral presentation will be tutorized to make sure the student will achieve the

objective before it gets the final mark, and in the case of the paper and the report there will be a chance to review it to improve the first grade.

The grade for the tests and participation will be based on the 80% of the total tests/seminars developed during the course. If a student has participated in the 100% of them, the final grade will be based on the 80% best marks.

All this means that the reevaluation will take place through the course, according with the grades of each activity.

Activitats d'avaluació

Títol	Pes	Hores	ECTS	Resultats d'aprenentatge
Class participation	15%	0	0	4, 8, 9, 10, 12
Debates participation	10%	0	0	1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12
Oral presentation:	15%	0	0	1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13
Paper on case study	30%	0	0	2, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13
Reading tests (6 tests or short questions related with the readings to prepare the topics/debates)	15%	0	0	9, 11
web report	15%	0	0	1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13

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Other related documents: <http://www.icrc.org/ihl.nsf/TOPICS?OpenView>

Human Rights

Human rights instruments by topic: <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/instreet/ainstls1.htm>

Human rights Treaties under United Nations <http://www.bayefsky.com/tree.php/area/treaties>

- [The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination](#)
- [The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights](#)
[The Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights](#)
[The Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights](#)
- [The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#)
[Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#)

- [The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women](#)
[Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women](#)
- [The Convention Against Torture, and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment](#)
[Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment](#)
- [The Convention on The Rights of the Child](#)
[Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict](#)
[Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography](#)
[Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure](#)
- [International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families](#)
- http://www.bayefsky.com/treaties/disability_convention.php Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
[Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#)
- [International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance](#)

Human rights treaties in regional systems: <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/instree/auoz.htm>

- [EU Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms](#)
- [African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights](#)
- [American Convention on Human Rights "Pact of San Jose, Costa Rica"](#)

Key web pages:

<http://www.bayefsky.com/bystate.php> This free website includes an extensive documents library organized by country and subject matter. You can find information on ratification, reservations and declarations, state reports, and other key documents.

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[*United Nations Human Rights Council*](#)

[*United Nations Treaty Bodies*](#)

[*United Nations Special Procedures*](#)

[*United Nations Security Council*](#)

[*United Nations Economic and Social Council*](#)

[*International Labour Organisation \(LBO\), Geneva, Switzerland*](#)

www.icc-cpi.int/Menu/ICC

[*World Health Organisation*](#)

[*UN Children's Fund \(UNICEF\)*](#)

[*UN Environmental Programme*](#)

[*OHCHR*](#) United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

[*United Nations Commission for the Status of Women*](#)

[*Un High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva, Switzerland*](#)

[UN Development Programme](#)

[UN Division for the Advancement of Women](#)

[OHCHR International Law](#) Link to UN Human Rights instruments

United Nations Human Rights Committees:

[The Human Rights Committee](#)

[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#)

[Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women](#)

[Committee on the Rights of the Child](#)

[Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families](#)

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Regional Human Rights:

[Council of Europe](#)

[The European Union](#)

[The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe](#)

[North Atlantic Treaty Organisation \(NATO\)](#)

[The European Committee for the Prevention of Torture](#)

[European Centre for Minority Issues](#)

[The African Union](#)

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[Organization of American States](#)

[Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#)

[The Association of Southeast Asian Nations](#)

[League of Arab States](#)

[Organisation of the Islamic Conference](#)

[South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation](#)

International and Regional Courts:

[International Court of Justice, the Hague, Netherlands](#)

[European Court of Human Rights](#)

[The European Court of Justice](#)

[Inter-American Court of Human Rights](#)

[The African Court of Justice](#)

[International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia](#)

[International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda](#)

Some Non-Governmental Organizations:

[Global Rights](#) A human rights advocacy group that partners with local activists to challenge injustice and amplify new voices within the global discourse

[Human Rights Watch](#) A global independent organisation dedicated to defending and protecting human rights.

[Amnesty International](#) A global charity which campaigns for internationally recognised human rights for all

[Save the Children](#) International Charity which campaigns on behalf of children

[The International Committee of the Red Cross](#) An organisation dedicated to the protection of the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other violence.

[Index on Censorship](#) Organisation promoting freedom of expression

[Minority Rights Group. International](#) International organisation working to secure the rights of minorities and indigenous peoples

[World Organisation against Torture](#) A coalition of non-governmental organisations fighting against torture, summary executions and other inhumane treatment

www.iccnw.org/ coalition for the International Criminal Court coalition of non-governmental organizations lobbying in favor of the ICC

[International Women's Rights Action Watch \(IWRAW\)](#) organized in 1985 at the Third World Conference on Women in Nairobi, Kenya, to promote recognition of women's human rights under the United Nation's Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (the CEDAW Convention), an international human rights treaty

[Freedom House](#) Independent nongovernmental organization that supports the expansion of freedom in the world.

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[Universal Human Rights Index of United Nations Documents](#)

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