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**School of Law**

**LL.M. in International Legal Studies**

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**Course Title: Human Rights**

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**I. Course Description and Objectives**

This class introduces the students to the origin, development and current relevance of the international human rights regime. Its major focus is on the human rights regime of the Council of Europe. Using case studies and practical examples, it deals with the normative content of selected human rights provisions in the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

The seminar will deal, among others, with the following issues:

- The evolution of the ECHR
- The protection of human rights by the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)
- Selected human rights and fundamental freedoms in the ECHR
- Selected case-law of the ECtHR

The course will be held as discussion classes, with preparatory readings constituting the indispensable basis of discussion. The students are required to read the text of the ECHR and familiarize themselves with the human rights regime of the ECtHR.

**II. Course Outline**

2.1 Introduction and selection of paper topics

2.2 Lecture on the topics mentioned above

2.2 Presentation and discussion of papers

Participants shall prepare a seminar paper of max. 10 pages (format: arial, 11 pts, single line spacing, index and bibliography not included). The main points of the paper will be presented in class; presentations should not last more than 20 minutes and will be followed by questions and discussions.

**III. Grading**

Your grade will depend on the "3 p's": paper, presentation, participation; the quality of your paper will, however, be most influential on your grade.



#### IV. Recommended Readings

- The European Convention on Human Rights in context [book chapter], in Harris/O'Boyle/Warbrick, *Law of the European Convention on Human Rights*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2014, p. 3-40
- ECtHR, 23/5/2016 (GC), *Avotiņš v LAT*, No. 17502/07
- *Glas/Krommendijk*, From Opinion 2/13 to Avotiņš: Recent Developments in the Relationship between the Luxembourg and Strasbourg Court [forthcoming in *Human Rights Law Review* 17 (2) (2017)]
- ECtHR, 12/9/2012 (GC), *Nada v SUI*, No. 10593/08
- ECtHR, 7/7/2011 (GC), *Al-Skeini a.o. v UK*, No. 55721/07
- Article 1 ECHR [book chapter], in Grabenwarter, *European Convention on Human Rights – Commentary*, 2014, p. 1-11
- ECtHR, 17/9/2009 (GC), *Scoppola (No. 2) v ITA*, No. 10249/03
- ECtHR, 1/6/2010 (GC), *Gäfgen v GER*, No. 22978/05
- ECtHR, 18/5/2011 (GC), *Lautsi a.o. v ITA*, No. 30814/06