

3.4 Study Area: Governance

Human Rights in the Global South			
Course Number	00LE62S-LAS-GO0024	Teaching Period	Block II
Study Area(s)	Governance, Electives	Credit Points	6 ECTS
Module(s) (StuPo 2012)	Advanced Governance I or II; Specialization Option: Law, Politics, Administration	Module(s) (StuPo 2015)	Advanced Governance I or II, Specialization Option: Governance I or II, Regional Governance
Open to Students	Year(s) 2, 3, 4	Max. Enrollment	20
Prerequisites	Introduction to Governance		
Instructor(s)	Dr. Stoyan Panov (stoyan.panov@ucf.uni-freiburg.de)		
Format, Dates, Times and Rooms	Seminar 12.12.-17.02.: Tue, 9-12h, AU 01036a Thu, 9-12h, KG 1142		
Course Description	<p>The aim of the Human Rights in the Global South course is to provide a critical overview to the protection of human rights in Latin and South America, Africa and Asia. It will focus, amongst other things, on the challenges facing the regional and national legal systems in the Global South to secure better respect for and effective implementation of the catalogue of international human rights. The course will explore why securing the effective protection of human rights through the regional and domestic legal systems in the Global South is so challenging. The various international, regional and domestic mechanisms for the protection of human rights will be evaluated. The numerous ideological, political, legal and structural obstacles particularly relevant for the Global South will be explored in more detail by looking at particular human rights, such as the right to life, the right to freedom from torture, the right to liberty, the prohibition of enforced disappearance, economic, social and cultural rights related to development, and collective rights.</p> <p>The weekly plenary sessions and workgroups cover essential topics of human rights in the Global South such as the regional and domestic mechanisms of creating and enforcing human rights like the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission, the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, and the African Court on Human and People's Rights as well as international institutions such as the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. The course also focuses on cross-comparative analysis of the various human rights systems and the applicability of universal human rights and the relativistic approach to human rights protections as well as the role of the victims in the human rights mechanisms. Additionally, the course examines national approaches in the Global South to violations of human rights such as the effects of human rights prosecutions in Latin America in Argentina, Uruguay and Guatemala, Africa and Asia, the debate of peace and justice, and the role of various traditional mechanisms in transitional justice.</p> <p>Learning goals</p> <p>Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Be familiar with central topics of Human Rights in the Global South; 2) Identify and analyze Human Rights in particular problem sets related to the Global South; 3) Reflect upon the function and structure of the Human Rights protection mechanisms on national and regional levels; 		