



POIR8030

The Global Politics of Human Rights

Session 1, Fully online/virtual 2020

Department of Modern History, Politics & International Relations

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to MIntRel or PGDipIntRel or MIntCommMIntRel or MIntBusMIntRel or MIntRelMIntTrdeComLaw or MTransInterMIntRel or MAppAnth or MDevCult or MIntPubDip or MGlobalHlthDevStud or GradDipIntRel or GradCertIntRel or MDevStud or MPPPMDevStud or MPASRDevStud or MPPPMIntRel

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit explores both philosophical conceptions of human rights and the evolving global regime of rules and principles that seek to promote human rights. Students will examine contemporary theories of 'human rights', the historical development of human rights thoughts, practice and its impacts within contemporary global politics. We will also examine the ways in which international human rights practice influences contemporary political controversies over issues such as refugees, sexual rights, torture and economic development.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts and the historical development of human rights

ULO2: Identify and explain the connections between the philosophical positions, principles, norms, rules and decision-making procedures that make up the global human rights regime;

ULO3: Undertake independent research and present that research during discussions

and in written form;

ULO5: Identify and organise relevant theories, concepts and case studies to communicate (orally and in written work) a persuasive, coherent, critical argument

ULO4: Critically evaluate and analyse arguments surrounding the international human rights regime – both orally and in written work

ULO6: Explain and reflect upon some of the major international issues occurring within international relations and the role that human rights play within these issues

Assessment Tasks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult [iLearn](#) for revised unit information.

[Find out more about the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and potential impacts on staff and students](#)

General Assessment Information

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Delivery and Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

For lecture times and classrooms please consult the MQ Timetable website: <http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au>. This website will display up-to-date information on your classes and classroom locations.

Internal students are expected to attend the following classes each week:

Name	Day	Start	Finish	Duration	Weeks	Location	Notes	Staff

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POIR8030/S1/Day/Lecture_1/01	Wednesday	2:00pm	4:00pm	2:00	9-15,18-23	14 Sir Christopher Ondaatje Ave - 264 Tutorial Rm	The Global Politics of Human Rights - Lecture	Govand Azeez
POIR8030/S1/Day/Tutorial_1/01	Wednesday	4:00pm	5:00pm	1:00	9-15,18-23	4 Western Rd - 310 Tutorial Rm	The Global Politics of Human Rights - Tutorial	Govand Azeez
POIR8030/S1/Day/Tutorial_1/02	Wednesday	5:00pm	6:00pm	1:00	9-15,18-23	4 Western Rd - 310 Tutorial Rm	The Global Politics of Human Rights - Tutorial	Govand Azeez

NOTE: Tutorials will begin in Week 1.

External students: The lecture is digitally recorded and can be downloaded from the iLearn website shortly after it is delivered.

External students are required to participate actively in discussion on the iLearn website (further details are given in the section on Assessment).

External students are welcome to attend weekly lectures whenever they can.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central \(http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/

[offices_and_units/information_technology/help/](#).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
11/02/2020	The subject is taught by Dr Govand Khalid Azeez. The unit (materials, assessments, etc.) has been restructured this semester.