Course Title: GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Course Code: CHR 603
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Class Hours: Tuesday 5.30-8.30 pm

Course Description and Objectives
This course exposes students to concept of governance and human rights. The principal aim is to provide the masters students with knowledge and skills for analyzing the link between governance and human rights. It exposes students to the theoretical conceptualization of governance and human rights with a view to understand it impacts on the promotion, respect and fulfillment of human rights in society. The course will be conducted through lectures, seminars and tutorials as may be appropriate and students are expected to show personal commitment to learning.

By the end of the course, the students will be able to:
- Define, show and demonstrate an understanding of role governance in promotion of human rights in society.
- Give an account and appreciate peaceful approaches to the management of conflict.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the key theories in conflict studies.

Student Evaluation
- Course work will consist of a C.A.T constituting 10% and a term paper constituting 30%. The final examination will accounts for 60% of the overall course marks.

Course Units

1. The concepts of governance and government
Meaning and practices of governance, forms of government, dimensions of governance, domains institutions and organizations of governance regimes and regime types, theories of governance, good governance, characteristics of good governance, challenges of governance.

2. Global governance and international human rights

3. Local governance and human rights
4. **International non-governmental actors and the human rights regime**
Human rights actors, non-state actors and human rights, International obligations of non-state human rights actors, human rights in armed conflict

5. **State as protector of human rights**
Purposes of governments; Dilemmas of governance; Citizen and aliens’ rights; Freedom, order, equality; justice and political obligation;

6. **Ideology and the scope of governments**
The theory and praxis of democratic governance; Institutional models of good governance; a theory of justice; majoritarian model and the problem of majority tyranny; Constitution and constitutionalism.

7. **Political participation**
Domestic actors and human rights; Political parties, interest groups, civil liberties and rights; Economic and social development and human rights; Corruption and human rights, Governance and the mass media.

References

Richard Pierre Claude, Burns H. Weston (eds), Human Rights in the World Community: Issues And Action 2006, University of Pennsylvania press


Laura, P.F, Spring, M. & James, L. *No place to hide; Gangs, state and clandestine violence in El Salvador*

James A.G, *Workers Rights As Human Rights*


Michael Grant, *Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry*
Philip, A., Ryan, G & Henry J.S., *International Human rights in Context*

**The Research Paper**
The paper should be 20-25 double-spaced pages (including notes and references, but those can be single space). Students must first discuss with the course conveners topics of interest to them before they start writing. The paper is due December 15 and no extension is permitted. The paper must be more than a historical chronology of events. It must be analytically focused and guided by some of the theoretical concepts that we develop in the class. The paper must include an evaluation of the relative importance of different causal factors that impact on governance and human rights in society.