INTERNATIONAL LAW / HUMAN RIGHTS

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LAW 1394 v00 Business and Human Rights (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201394%20v00) (Fieldwork Practicum)

J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours

In fieldwork practicum courses, students participate in weekly seminars and conduct related fieldwork at outside organizations. This fieldwork practicum course is designed to give students familiarity with the field of business and human rights through a seminar in which we will explore the evolution of the field and the major issues that arise within it, combined with a placement in an organization that is working in some way on business and human rights issues. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and undertake at least 10 hours/week of fieldwork with organizations in the Washington, DC area that are involved in working on business and human rights issues.

SEMINAR: The seminar will give students an understanding of the challenges in holding multinational companies accountable for the adverse impacts of their operations. We will examine how the modern global corporation is organized around extensive supply chains, the ways in which its formal legal structure can enable it to avoid responsibility for the full range of impacts that it creates, and the successes and limitations of attempts to address this problem through litigation. We will then turn to the emergence of the concept of human rights as a key conceptual tool in the effort to surmount the limits of conventional litigation and regulatory strategies. This will involve discussion of incidents that served as the impetus for this development, and the human rights instruments that provided the basis for human rights claims.

We will then examine in depth some of the types of impacts that can constitute rights violations, relating to concerns such as forced labor, human trafficking, unsafe working conditions and wage theft, physical abuse, forcible displacement, environmental degradation, child labor, sex discrimination, freedom of expression, and privacy. This will provide an opportunity as well to examine the range of responses to such abuses and their effectiveness, such as voluntary industry standards; guidelines established by international organizations such as the United Nations and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; and the International Labor Organization; mandatory disclosure provisions such as the California and UK Human Trafficking statutes; voluntary disclosure programs; international finance standards; procurement regulation, and other measures. Students will also learn about issues that are distinctive to particular economic sectors, such as the extractives, apparel, and information and communications technology industries. Finally, we will focus on how businesses can incorporate human rights concerns into their operations in order to comply with the duty of respect articulated by the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

FIELDWORK: Students will be placed with organizations in the Washington, DC area that are involved in working on business and human rights issues. These may include NGOs, corporations, bar associations, and international organizations. Students will work on a variety of types of projects that further the mission of their particular organizations. These may include legal research; advising, training, and educating community groups; gathering information on the effectiveness of voluntary standards; compiling information on adverse human impacts of different types of activities or in different sectors; helping to devise remedies for human rights violations; preparing staff for and participating in meetings with government, business, and/or non-profits organizations; helping advise on possible legislation; submitting reports to international organizations; helping with human rights due diligence efforts; and others.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).
LAW 611 v01 Extradition Simulation: International Law, Human Rights, and Effective Advocacy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/coursesearch/?keyword=LAW%20611%20v01)
J.D. Course | 1 credit hour

This Week One simulation features an attempt by the United States to secure the extradition of two suspected terrorists who have been indicted in federal court for participating in terrorist acts on U.S. soil. In the initial indictments, the United States seeks the death penalty, a punishment which is likely to make it difficult for the countries in which the defendants now reside – France and Russia – to extradite under the international human rights treaty to which their nations are parties. Even life without parole may create extradition difficulties. Students will be assigned the role of counsel for one of the defendants or one of the governments and will be asked to evaluate whether the European Convention on Human Rights bars extradition in the circumstances of the cases. Throughout the four-day simulation, students work independently in small teams (with guidance from their teaching fellow) to interview the defendants, develop their arguments, and hone their oral advocacy skills in preparation for a mock oral argument before the European Court of Human Rights (played by practicing lawyers from Georgetown Law’s alumni network). Through this rich fact pattern, students will not only learn to read and interpret international and foreign law texts and gain an understanding of the international human rights landscape, but they will have the opportunity to engage in essential lawyering skills, including fact development and analysis, interviewing, problem solving, and oral advocacy skills.

Note: FIRST YEAR WEEK ONE COURSE: This course will meet on the following days: Monday, January 8, 2018, through Thursday, January 11, 2018.

This course is mandatory pass/fail, and does NOT count against the 7-credit pass/fail limit for J.D. students. This optional, elective course is for first-year J.D. students only, who are enrolled through a lottery process. ATTENDANCE AT ALL CLASS SESSIONS IS MANDATORY. All enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to be eligible for a seat in the class and must attend each class session in its entirety. For more information see Week One webpage (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/jd-program/specialized-programs/week-one-law-in-a-global-context.cfm). Due to the intensive nature of the course, the small-group, team, and individual work that is involved, and the preparation that is necessary to ensure a positive student experience, students who wish to drop the course after they have accepted a seat must drop by Friday, December 1, at 3:00 p.m. After that point, permission to drop from the course professor and Assistant Dean for Experiential Learning is required. Students who are enrolled but do not attend the first class session will be withdrawn from the course.

LAW 1071 v00 Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and International Human Rights Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/coursesearch/?keyword=LAW%201071%20v00) (Project-Based Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours

In a project-based practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and work on a project under the supervision of their professor. This project-based practicum course will focus on the interaction between international human rights law and sexual and reproductive health. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out 10 hours/week of project work under the direction of the course professor.

SEMINAR: The seminar will begin by providing an overview of international human rights law as it pertains to sexual and reproductive rights. The course will then focus on access to reproductive health from an international perspective, examining States’ obligations on a variety of issues, such as maternal mortality. Finally, students will learn through coursework about other sexual and reproductive health issues linked to the right to dignity, autonomy and bodily integrity, such as rape as a means of torture and forced sterilization. Analyzing recent decisions emerging from regional and international human rights bodies, such as the European Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission and Court on Human Rights and the CEDAW Committee (UN Committee on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women), the seminar component will provide a solid legal foundation for students to develop their experiential/field placement projects.

PROJECT WORK: Students will work with external partners on legal and policy projects related to sexual and reproductive health. Some of the projects may include drafting amicus briefs for cases currently pending before international bodies, and drafting briefs assessing a particular State’s compliance with human rights law regarding sexual and reproductive rights to be filed in front of UN bodies (shadow reports). Through these projects, students will learn how to conduct an analysis of existing legal and regulatory frameworks for sexual and reproductive health from a human rights perspective. Students will also learn how to use epidemiological data to support and craft compelling human rights law arguments for advancing public policy on, for example, maternal mortality and sexual violence prevention and eradication. By working with external civil society organizations, the course will give students the opportunity to develop practical projects using international human rights law to advocate for the advancement of sexual and reproductive health rights. In the past, external partners have included: the Center for Reproductive Rights, Women’s Link Worldwide, Human Rights Watch (Women’s Rights Division), IPAS, and Southern Africa Litigation Centre, among others.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum course and a clinic or another practicum course. Students may concurrently enroll in this practicum course and an externship.

Note: This practicum course is open to LL.M. students, space permitting. Interested LL.M. students should email Louis Fine (fine@law.georgetown.edu) to request admission.

Evening students who work during the day are encouraged to reach out to the professor to discuss whether this practicum course would be compatible with their schedules.

This is a four credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and two credits will be awarded for approximately 10 hours of project work per week for a minimum of 11 weeks.
A robust and often contentious debate over these issues culminated in the development of the U.N. Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (the "UNGPs") under the leadership of Special Representative John Ruggie. These Principles establish a framework for considering the respective roles of governments and corporations and outline core concepts of human rights due diligence and effective remedy. In doing so, the UNGPs also inform and to some extent refocus efforts that have emerged over the past 20 years to address these governance gaps and have brought together stakeholders from business, labor, civil society, the investment community, and academia.

At the same time, in recent years there has been an increased push from civil society groups and certain governments to go beyond these "voluntary" efforts and develop a binding business and human rights treaty mechanism; this has met with strong opposition from business and many other governments, including the United States.

Even as "non-regulatory" approaches remain the predominant means of addressing various business and human rights challenges, there also has been a growing focus in recent years on tools through which national governments and international institutions could exercise greater leverage. This includes advocacy for stronger labor and other human rights language in trade agreements, one-way trade preference programs, procurement standards, and the rules and guidelines applied by international financial institutions -- coupled with more aggressive enforcement of those criteria. Expanded efforts to advance that "regulatory" approach in trade policy and elsewhere in some cases has been met with resistance from governments and business, but there also have been examples of emerging consensus among a diverse range of stakeholders.

This course introduces students to this quickly-evolving business and human rights landscape, including the diverse set of multi-stakeholder initiatives -- some, but not all, of which include government participation. We will discuss the guidance provided by the UNGPs and other instruments, the range of stakeholders and how they engage with one another, tools utilized by governments and corporations to implement human rights standards, and how all of these interact in the context of both sector-specific and cross-cutting legal and policy challenges.

Among the questions the course will examine are:

- Which human rights standards are most relevant to business?
- What are the appropriate linkages between business policies and practices and the promotion of human rights?
- Which business and human rights approaches are emerging as "best practices" and perhaps even as recognized norms?
- What tools to support those are being used by governments and corporations?
- Who are the principal stakeholders and what are their roles and objectives?
- Which practices are recognized as "best practices" and "best policies" and why?
LAW 034 v08 Human Rights Fact-Finding (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20034%20v08) (Project-Based Practicum)

J.D. Practicum | 6 credit hours
In a project-based practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and work on a project under the supervision of their professor(s). This project-based practicum course is designed to support students participating in the Human Rights Institute (HRI) Fact-Finding Project. Through this course, students will gain the substantive background and skills needed to carry out a human rights investigation from beginning to end. Each year, the HRI Fact-Finding Project has focused on a policy-relevant human rights issue, including migrants’ rights, children’s rights, LGBT rights, and the role of human rights in the global economy. In the fall, students will participate in a weekly two-hour seminar and carry out 5 hours/week of project work under the direction of the professor. Over Week One, students will travel to carry out a fact-finding investigation. In the spring, students will participate in a two-hour-week seminar every other week and carry out 10 hours/week of project work. For this course, students will work closely with the HRI Dash/Muse Teaching Fellow Ashley Binetti and Professor Melysa Sperber in conceptualizing and implementing each step of the Project. Professor Sperber is currently the Director of Public Policy & Government Relations at Humanity United and Humanity United Action. She advocates before Congress and federal agencies on policies to combat human trafficking and prevent violent conflict, and she oversees the foundation’s public policy and government relations portfolio. Previously, she was Director of Human Rights at Vital Voices Global Partnership, where she implemented programs in more than 20 countries to combat violence against women, including human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual violence.

SEMINAR: In the fall, the seminar will cover the substantive law and policy relating to human trafficking, as well as human rights fact-finding skills and methodology. In the spring, seminar classes will meet every other week and focus on the production of a human rights fact-finding report and the conduct of related advocacy. Seminar sessions will be designed to guide students through each step of the human rights fact-finding process, including project design, interviewing, reporting writing, and advocacy.

PROJECT WORK: Students will research a human rights problem in depth, conduct extensive outreach and interviews on the subject, draft a comprehensive report on their findings, and engage in related advocacy. In January 2019, during “Week One,” the group will travel on-site to conduct interviews with relevant stakeholders. Georgetown Law will cover travel expenses. Students are also expected to meet on their own as a team throughout the academic year.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Recommended: Courses such as International Law I and International Human Rights Law would be helpful to participants, but are not required.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum course and a clinic or another practicum course. Students may concurrently enroll in this practicum course and an externship.

Note: This course is open to both J.D. and LL.M students.

This practicum course may be suitable for evening students with flexible work schedules. Interested evening students should contact Dash/Muse Fellow Ashley Binetti (ab2242@georgetown.edu) to discuss their particular situation. THIS COURSE REQUIRES HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE PERMISSION TO ENROLL. Applications (comprised of a statement of interest, a resume, and a writing sample) are due by 12:00 noon on Monday, April 9, 2018, the same day that clinic applications are due.

LAW 1621 v00 Human Rights Seminar: The Role of Human Rights Defenders (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201621%20v00)

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours

Human rights defenders play a critical role in the protection and promotion of internationally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms. Their work is essential to achieve the core objectives of the United Nations and its Member States at national, regional, and international levels. This seminar will explore the evolving international legal framework for the protection of human rights defenders. We will consider the realities that prompted the international community to establish norms, create mechanisms and processes, and formulate policies to ensure that human rights defenders can safely engage in their vital work under different political, economic, and social conditions. The seminar will also examine how the norms governing human rights defenders enrich the human rights protection framework as a whole—improving the chances of its implementation at the national level. This seminar will also consider the role and responsibility of key human rights agencies within the international system, such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and how the scope of their mandates accommodates development of the human rights defenders framework.

Note: This course requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3-credit section of the course if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2-credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.
LAW 1286 v00 Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in the 21st Century: Legal Perspectives

Prerequisite: A prior course in public international law or international human rights.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and Human Trafficking in International and Transnational Law.

This course will provide students an overview of the multiple legal perspectives on combating human trafficking and modern day slavery. This will include the definitional tensions between different perspectives, alternative approaches to addressing severe human exploitation, and an overview of the current U.S. legal framework for eradicating human trafficking and modern slavery. Attention will be paid to commonly recognized principles in human rights, criminal and labor law, but also in such areas as international business, international adoption and international humanitarian law. The class will use a range of materials, including international treaties, decisions of international tribunals, congressional testimony, and legislative history (including floor statements, committee reports, and multiple versions of legislation, among others). At the conclusion of the class, students should be able to recognize the pervasive nature of modern day human exploitation and be able to identify risks of human trafficking in most areas of practice they may choose in the future.

Recommended: A prior course in public international law or international human rights.

LAW 230 v00 International and Comparative Law on Women's Human Rights

Prerequisite: Prior or concurrent enrollment in International Law I.

This course provides students with an overview of that law. It introduces them to the many forms of discrimination and violence women still face and teaches them about the major human rights treaties that can help women achieve equality with men. These include the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; and the regional human rights treaties from Africa, the Americas, and Europe. Students study the work of the human rights bodies that measure state compliance with these treaties, including their guidelines and case law on issues affecting women. The course also examines comparative law on human rights issues such as sex-based discrimination in employment, inheritance, and family law rights, domestic violence and female genital mutilation, polygamy and its impact on women and children, and women’s lack of reproductive rights.

National court decisions from countries in both common law and civil law jurisdictions show how courts are using international and regional human rights law to help resolve domestic law issues. As some issues pose difficult conflicts between women’s right to equality with opposing assertions of religious and cultural rights to discriminate, the course also examines how human rights bodies resolve those conflicts and asks how they should be resolved.

Note: For J.D. Students: Students Enrolled in the International Women’s Human Rights Clinic must take this course as a pre- or co-requisite, but it is also open to other J.D. students and to LL.M. students.

LAW 416 v02 International Courts and Tribunals: Theory and Practice

Prerequisite: Prior or concurrent enrollment in International Law I.

This course surveys existing international courts and tribunals. Over the semester, we will examine courts and tribunals with general jurisdiction (e.g., the International Court of Justice); courts and tribunals with specialized jurisdiction (e.g., the International Criminal Court, WTO, human rights tribunals, and investor-State tribunals); and claims tribunals and commissions (e.g., the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal and the United Nations Compensation Commission). The course seeks to provide a comparative understanding of the international adjudication system through readings and in-class exercises. General knowledge of public international law is required.

Note: This course is taught through a seminar mode and as a 2 credit hour course.
LAW 227 v04 International Human Rights Law

J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours

In the last two centuries, universal human rights have evolved from a utopian philosophical proposal to the dominant ideal of contemporary world politics. Beginning with the U.N. Charter in 1945, an elaborate body of human rights law has emerged. Nevertheless, even today human rights remain utopian for millions, perhaps billions, of people. This course will examine the basics of human rights law: the human rights provisions of the U.N. Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the Genocide Convention; the Covenants on civil, political, economic, and social rights; the Torture Convention; and other treaties. The course also examines efforts by regional organizations and NGOs to implement human rights, and human rights successes and failures "on the ground." The course will study the U.S. role in human rights, and the post-9/11 tensions between human rights and the campaign against international terrorism.

Recommended: International Law I: Introduction to International Law.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the graduate course, International Human Rights Law.

LAW 814 v00 International Human Rights Law

LL.M Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours

Out of the ashes of World War Two and the Holocaust arose the recognition of individual criminal responsibility for crimes against humanity under international law and a concomitant recognition of internationally protected human rights. This course provides an intensive survey of international human rights law and practice, with a principal focus on interpretation and implementation of human rights norms in the practice of states. The course examines the development of the substantive law of human rights (including international treaty instruments, "soft law," and customary international law) and international, regional, and domestic systems of oversight and enforcement, focusing on UN organs such as the Human Rights Council and treaty bodies. The course includes treatment of the principles of international humanitarian law, and highlights selected contemporary and ethical problems in international human rights law such as genocide and torture, application of human rights norms to non-state actors (including corporations), universality of human rights norms and cultural relativism, and the need to protect human rights while countering terrorism, including issues relevant to U.S. law and practice. Along the way we examine issues related to international immunities, impunity, human rights litigation under the U.S. Alien Tort Claims Act and Torture Victim Protection Act, and international criminal tribunals. We also review the more recent treaty texts adopted by the United Nations General Assembly such as the Convention to Protect Against Enforced Disappearances and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Recommended: International Law I: Introduction to International Law.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and International Human Rights Law, or the J.D. course, International Human Rights.

LAW 814 v02 International Human Rights Law

LL.M Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours

How can the international legal system address some of human kind's greatest weaknesses? This course provides an intensive survey of modern international human rights law and the legal institutions and systems of oversight that support it. Through a mixture of lecture and class discussion, we will look at how and why these mechanisms developed, and critically analyze how they -- as well as States, non-State actors, and individuals -- succeed or fail in practice to promote and protect human rights at the international, regional, and domestic levels. We will cover the foundations of the modern system including the International Bill of Human Rights and the Geneva Conventions, as well as subsequent developments including treaties and declarations regulating the use of certain weapons, prohibiting torture, protecting the rights of persons with disabilities, protecting refugees, promoting the rights of indigenous peoples, eliminating racial discrimination and discrimination against women, and establishing the international criminal court. We will also look at how "soft law" has developed to address emerging human rights-related fields such as corporate social responsibility and data privacy protection. Highlighting contemporary issues in international human rights, we will ultimately ask ourselves how current international human rights mechanisms can address today's conflicts, including refugee crises, natural resource disputes, and international campaigns against terrorism.

Recommended: Prior enrollment in International Law I: Introduction to International Law (or equivalent).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and International Human Rights Law and Practice.
LAW 761 v03 International Law, Human Rights & Fighting Impunity
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20761%20v03)
LL.M Seminar (cross-listed) | 1 credit hour
This course will explore the global fight against impunity -- specifically, as it pertains to curbing war crimes, human rights violations, grand corruption and looted antiquities -- through class discussions, lectures and guest speakers with personal experience in fighting the impunity that is so often associated with war crimes and economic crimes. It is based on the premise that those that are willing to slaughter thousands of innocents, are also willing to steal millions of dollars and loot our collective cultural heritage -- and that the fight against impunity includes both war crimes and economic crimes (and often, the international trend to focus on the former, ignores the domestic interest in prosecuting the latter). Over the semester, students in a seminar-size class will be exposed to the basics of international criminal law, international human rights law and international economic crimes, as well how the fight against impunity impacts national security and foreign policy issues. The class will focus on issues related to war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, as well as the recent global efforts to fight grand corruption and recover looted assets and antiquities, including UN Convention Against Corruption and the new UN-World Bank Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative. Students will be allowed to write a paper of their choice regarding international law and the fight against impunity. Class grades will be a combination between class participation (40%) and a seminar paper (60%). Required readings (cases, statutes, articles, book excerpts, on-line treaties, etc.) will be illuminated by lecture and discussion from a professor with first-hand experience in the global fight against impunity through his personal experience with the Slobodan Milosevic, Saddam Hussein and Omar al-Bashir matters, as well his background with the UN war crimes tribunal, the White House, the Pentagon, and the World Bank’s StAR Initiative, and helping recover stolen assets on behalf of various governments. In order to take advantage of Georgetown’s unique position in the intersection of law, politics, and international affairs, the course will feature high-profile guest speakers who will highlight their own personal efforts to fight impunity and how such international efforts impact national security and foreign policy matters.

Prerequisite: International Law I or equivalent.

Note: A student will be permitted to drop a course that meets for the first time after the add/drop period, without a transcript notation, if a student submits a written request to the Office of the Registrar prior to the start of the second class meeting. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

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LAW 1323 v00 International Law, National Security, and Human Rights
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201323%20v00)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This course will examine how international law deals with the tension between two highly prominent concerns of the early twenty-first century: protecting national security and protecting human rights. We begin with an overview of basic principles of international law, and of U.S. domestic legal authority for national security activities. We then move to the regime of international law that is devoted to the protection of human rights. This includes treaties dealing with human rights in general; those that address specific subjects, such as torture and genocide; and customary international law. Our focus then moves to international humanitarian law, which is the legal regime that governs the use of force. This includes provisions that relate both to when parties may resort to the use of force, and how they must conduct themselves when they do so. We will explore the debate over whether humanitarian law should displace human rights law in situations of armed conflict, or whether the two bodies of law should be applied in ways that reconcile their approaches as much as possible.

The course then turns to national security concerns that serve as a vehicle for exploring the interaction of human rights and humanitarian law, with a focus on terrorism. To what extent should counter-terrorism be seen as law enforcement, in which case human rights law governs, and to what extent should it be seen as armed conflict, in which case humanitarian law provides primary guidance? If it has elements of both, what should be the respective roles of human rights and humanitarian law in regulating counter-terrorism? We will focus in depth on five topics that raise these questions: the incorporation of human rights protections in armed conflict, criminal investigation and prosecution of terrorism, targeted killing, covert action and special operations, and cyber operations. The course will include two review sessions at approximately one-third and two-thirds through the semester. These will be devoted to analysis of problems relating to topics covered in specific units of the course.

We will make extensive use of case studies and problems to explore the complex legal, political, and moral questions that arise with respect to the issues we discuss. We also will also be working with statutes that relate to various types of national security issues. In addition, events in the news are sure to provide constant vivid examples of the significance of the concepts that we will be discussing throughout the course. In these ways, the course will provide students with a practical understanding of international law through an in-depth examination of how it operates at the intersection of two specific fields that are undergoing dynamic changes.

Learning objectives for the course are:

1. For you to become familiar with basic concepts in international law, especially with regard to treaties, customary law, and how international law interacts with domestic law in the United States.
2. For you to become familiar with basic concepts in international human rights law, United Nations and European Conventions on basic human rights, and their impacts on domestic law.
3. For you to become familiar with the basic provisions of international law that deal with when states may use military force, and that govern how such force may be used in armed conflict.
4. Based on your understanding of the subjects described above, for you to appreciate how many contemporary national security concerns present challenges for which neither human rights law nor the law on military force is fully adequate -- which means that creative thinking is necessary in addressing these concerns.

Note: This course is a first-year elective. First-year day students select an elective offered in the spring.
This seminar will examine many aspects of migration and mobility policies as they relate to international human rights law.

**Note:** This course will meet on the following Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 11:00 am: 8/29, 8/31, 9/12, 9/14, 9/26, 9/28, 10/11 (Monday classes meet), 10/12, 10/17, 10/19, 11/28 and 11/30.

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**LAW 1415 v00 International Migration, Mobility and Human Rights Seminar**

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours

Since time immemorial, migrations have shaped human communities. Migration is in the DNA of Humankind and our history as an animal species is that of a continuous migration towards resources. Migration is a constant of civilisation, and borders, as a very recent concept, are over the long run an ineffective barrier to migration.

During the last centuries, migrations increased considerably, in both distance and numbers. Continents have been populated by external migration, to the detriment of indigenous peoples who had themselves earlier come from somewhere else.

In the past fifty years, this movement has accelerated, due to the democratisation of means of communication and mass transport. States nowadays wish for an immigration that can contribute to economic growth, but fear that migration might increase the poorer part of their population, destabilize ecosystems and multiply political conflicts.

States in the "New World" have adopted broad immigration policies, selecting "the best and the brightest". Source countries are thus losing a good portion of their human capital, a loss which is only partly compensated by the remittances that many migrants send back home.

The European Union has adopted a policy of free movement of capital, goods, services and persons within its common territory, therefore completing an integrated common market. This principle is not applicable to non-European citizens and "Fortress Europe" certainly seems well established, as exemplified by the present "migrant crisis" in Europe.

The 20th century has been that of the refugees. Communism, totalitarianism, decolonisation, cold-war-based conflicts, post-Cold-War ethnic conflicts have all taken their toll on human populations, forcing millions to flee. The legal concept of "refugee" has emerged and a status defined, now monitored by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. A common doctrine of universal human rights has also been developed, applying equally to migrants, despite rampant discrimination against them.

The 21st century will be that of human mobility. Migration happens, whether we want it or not. Push factors (violence and poverty) and pull factors (stability, prosperity, as well as official or unacknowledged labour markets) are at works and borders remain porous, especially democratic ones.

Through permanent or temporary labour migration programmes, highly-qualified migration mechanisms, regional agreements establishing an area of free movement of persons, mobility provisions in free-trade agreements, the inception of a global migration governance regime can be delineated.

Unfortunately, the human rights of migrants are not often a priority, as vulnerable migrants cannot vote, rarely protest and mobilise little, for fear of detection, detention and deportation.

This seminar will examine many aspects of migration and mobility policies as they relate to international human rights law.

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**LAW 520 v00 International Women's Human Rights Clinic**

J.D. Clinic | 10 credit hours

Please see the International Women's Human Rights Clinic website for more detailed information about the program.

For registration-specific supplemental materials, please see the International Women's Human Rights Clinic.

**Mutually Excluded Courses:** Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.

**LAW 456 v01 International Women's Human Rights Seminar**

LL.M Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours

This seminar will explore select international women's human rights issues and the applicable international legal framework, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Guest lecturers with practical expertise in advancing women's human rights may be invited to join us throughout the semester.

Each student will write a paper addressing a significant international women's human rights issue from a legal perspective, exploring state responsibility under the government's international human rights obligations, as well as domestic and international responses to the problem.

**LAW 1334 v00 Justice and Accountability for International Atrocity Crimes: Bridging Theory and Practice Seminar**

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours

This seminar examines both progress and ongoing challenges in seeking meaningful justice and accountability for serious international crimes, including crimes against humanity, genocide, and war crimes. We'll begin with an overview of the challenges of effective atrocity prevention and an examination of fundamental developments over the last few decades establishing international and hybrid criminal tribunals and other mechanisms of transitional justice, including truth and reconciliation commissions. Building on this foundation, and drawing upon legal scholarship, social science research, and country case studies, we will then explore a range of responses to key justice challenges recurring in a number of countries emerging from conflict. These challenges include: (1) the often complicated relationship between peace processes and justice initiatives; (2) the question of whose justice goals are being pursued and how national, regional, and international stakeholders interact in such efforts; and (3) the complexities of building enduring justice on the ground through meaningful domestic rule of law reform, outreach, cultural engagement, and other means. Students will write a substantial seminar paper within the subject matter scope of the seminar.
LAW 1207 v00 Negotiating a Joint Venture in China (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201207%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 1 credit hour
Through a simulation oriented course, students will be exposed to recent economic history of the People’s Republic of China, foreign direct investment law of China, and negotiating norms of US and Chinese investors. These various knowledge sets will be brought together as each participant takes on the role of either a Chinese investor or a US investor, negotiating the terms of a China-based joint venture and ultimately reporting back to their respective board of directors. In addition to the negotiations exercises, the course requires a brief quality-driven paper on any number of topics relating to China as an economic actor on the world stage.

Note: ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT ALL CLASS SESSIONS. All enrolled and waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to be eligible for a seat in the class and must attend each class session in its entirety.

Note: A student will be permitted to drop a course that meets for the first time after the add/drop period, without a transcript notation, if a student submits a written request to the Office of the Registrar prior to the start of the second class meeting. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

LAW 440 v04 Refugee Law and Policy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20440%20v04)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course examines domestic refugee law and policy, with particular focus on asylum and other refugee-related claims for protection that arise in the U.S. legal system. Students will become familiar with the key actors in the asylum and refugee law arena, including the U.S. Congress, the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, the federal courts, and international entities.

The course objectives are: (1) to equip students with an understanding of the principles of refugee policy, asylum law, and the United States’ procedures for refugee protection, and (2) to provide students with a practical appreciation of how refugee policy is formed and a working knowledge of asylum law, which will serve as a foundation for academic research, clinical study, employment, pro bono work, and/or internship opportunities within the U.S. government and the NGO community.

In addition to focusing on the refugee definition as interpreted by U.S. courts, we will examine the processes for adjudicating asylum claims – where the system works and where it fails. We will also seek to understand the limits of asylum law and explore the toughest issues facing asylum adjudicators and policy makers today.

Note: Priority is given to students fulfilling the requirements of the Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies.

LAW 837 v00 Research with Human Subjects: Law, Policy & Ethics (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20837%20v00)
LL.M Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This course provides an opportunity to explore issues related to the use of humans as research subjects. The course will begin by examining the history of human subject research, including the abuses that led to the creation of our modern legal protections. Following a discussion of the ethical principles of research involving humans, we will carefully explore the legal treatment of human subjects, focusing on US regulations and international instruments. Core sources will include: the Common Rule (45 CFR 46), Belmont Report, Declaration of Helsinki, Nuremberg Code, and CIOMS. After exploring a series of foundational themes and issues through the first half of the semester, the remainder of the class will focus on in-depth case studies. Topics may include: international research, research involving vulnerable populations (children, prisoners, and pregnant women), informed consent, research on subjects with impaired decision-making abilities, genetic/genomic research, risk-benefit analysis, coercion/undue inducement, use of placebos, and IRB governance.

This seminar provides opportunities for participants to engage in a research and writing project related to humans as research subjects. Participants will conduct independent research and scholarly writing on important problems at the intersection of law, policy and ethics.

Note: This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement for JD students. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement for JD students.
LAW 1353 v00 Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression, Sex Characteristics and International Human Rights Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201353%20v00) (Project-Based Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours
In a project-based practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and work on a project under the supervision of the professor. This project-based practicum course will focus on issues of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics from an international human rights law perspective. Students will participate in a two-hour/week seminar and carry out 10 hours/week of project work under the direction of the course professor.

SEMINAR: Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people are victims of multiple human rights violations, which are directly linked to the lack of acceptance (by societies and the State) of their non-normative sexualities, gender identities or expressions. Some of the most common human rights violations of LGBTQ people include killings, torture, ill-treatment, “corrective” rape, discrimination in schools, workplace and in accessing health services, among many others. Intersex persons face human rights violations related to the lack of respect towards their bodies, which differ from the socially accepted standards of “female” and “male” bodies, including irreversible non-consented genital surgery at the early stages of infancy and forced sterilization. The course will take a close look at some of these violations, and the corresponding States’ obligations under international human rights law. In seminar, students will analyze landmark and recent decisions emerging from regional and international human rights monitoring bodies, which have developed standards for the interpretation and application of human rights to sexual orientation, gender identity and bodily diversity. This analysis will provide a solid legal foundation for students to develop their projects for external partners.

PROJECT WORK: Students will work, under the direction of the professor, with external partners on legal and policy projects, including but not limited to, legal research (statutory and case law), drafting memoranda on specific human rights issues faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI) people, preparing shadow reports to present before international human rights bodies, conducting analysis of legislation or a case pertaining to the rights of LGBTQI people, among others. External partners include international and domestic leading human rights organizations working on the promotion and protection of the rights of LGBTQI people at the international, regional or local level.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum course and a clinic or another practicum course. Students may concurrently enroll in this practicum course and an externship.

Note: This practicum course is open to LL.M. students, space permitting. Interested LL.M. students should email Louis Fine (fine@law.georgetown.edu) to request admission.

Evening students who work during the day are encouraged to reach out to the professor to discuss whether this practicum course would be compatible with their schedules. This is a four credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and two credits will be awarded for approximately 10 hours of supervised project work per week, for a minimum of 11 weeks. Both the seminar and the project work will be graded. Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and project components and may not take either component separately. After Add/Drop, a student who wishes...