

# International Human Rights: A Comparative Analysis

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## Overview

This course is a study of comparative human rights primarily between India and other regions of the world. We will focus on how human rights norms, despite supposedly being universal, are often interpreted and applied differently based on historical and other contexts. We will analyze the jurisprudence coming from India and look at in relation to the United States Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights (and Africa to a lesser extent). We will also explore larger related questions as to how this interpretation and application reflect cultural and historical issues common to each region. The format of the classes will be very participatory, relying on dialogue with students and other participants to enter into a rich comparative analysis of these questions.

## Objectives:

1. To develop participants' knowledge of how rights are formed at international, regional and national levels.
2. To be able to critically analyze rights frameworks and their domestic implementation.
3. To understand human rights at regional and country levels through an in-depth study of jurisprudence and procedural laws in relation to India.
4. To understand how and why the implementation of international human rights norms differs between India and other countries and regions by considering historical and other differences.
5. To understand some of the cultural and historical differences between India, Europe and other regions through a study of case law and newspaper/media articles, and link this back to legal and other jurisprudential questions.

<b>Modules</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There will be lectures from the 7th – 14th December 2017 (15 hours of class + 6 hours of tutorials) on the following themes:-</li> <li>2. Introduction to human rights norms and the primary protection mechanisms at international levels Defamation</li> <li>3. Human rights development, interpretation and application</li> <li>4. Quantitative interpretation of human rights</li> <li>5. International human rights mechanisms</li> <li>6. Indian human rights protection mechanisms</li> <li>7. European Court of Human Rights</li> <li>8. African Court of Human and People’s Rights</li> <li>9. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</li> <li>10. U.S: Supreme Court</li> <li>11. Freedom of Expression</li> <li>12. Freedom of Religion</li> <li>13. Sexual Orientation (LGBTQA Rights)</li> <li>14. Women’s Rights</li> </ol>
<b>Who can attend</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under-graduate and post-graduate students, researchers and teachers of international law and criminal law;</li> <li>• Legal practitioners and judges;</li> <li>• Lawyers, advocates, judges, NGO workers and other involved in the protection of human rights.</li> </ul>
<b>Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students from WBNUJS: Free of cost</li> <li>• Indian students from other institutions: INR 1000 (40 seats on first come first basis)</li> <li>• Academics, researchers, social activists, legal practitioners and others: INR 1500</li> </ul> <p>The abovementioned fees will include all instructional materials, computer use for tutorials and free internet facility throughout the duration of the course.</p>

## The Faculty



Dr. Adam Dubin, M.A., J.D., Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Masters Program in International and European Business Law, Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid, Spain, Adjunct Professor of Politics, New York University Madrid.

He is a full-time law professor at Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Spain's number one ranked law school. At Comillas, he teaches in the International Public Law Department and directs a Master's program in International and European Business Law. He also directs a program on human rights in Sub-Saharan Africa. In addition, Dr. Dubin is an Adjunct Professor of Politics at New York University's Madrid Campus.

Dr. Dubin wrote his Ph.D. thesis (Summa Cum Laude) on human rights and access to justice for sex workers in Kampala, Uganda at La Universidad Complutense de Madrid (University of Madrid). He holds a Juris Doctorate (Cum Laude) from Pace School of Law in New York and a Master's Degree (Summa Cum Laude) in International Development Policy from the University of Manchester in England.

Prior to coming to Spain, Dr. Dubin was a legal fellow in the United Nations Office of the Co-Prosecutors at the Cambodian genocide tribunal and also worked in other countries such as India and The Gambia on human rights issues related to the protection of women and girls. He publishes and speaks around the globe on topics related to access to justice and human rights in developing countries, particularly in the Sub-Saharan African region. Dr. Dubin consults for organizations such as the UN and EU on human rights and development projects in developing countries, particularly in the Sub Saharan African region. He has also been an invited professor in human rights law in Beijing, China.



Dr. Kavita Singh is associate professor at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences. She has been associated with the university since 2004 and has more than 15 years of teaching. Her teaching interests include criminal law, criminology and victimology, human rights and family law. She works closely on laws relating to rights of children and women. She has conducted multiple training courses for various stakeholders of the criminal justice system. She is the coordinator of School of Criminal Justice and Administration at NUJS. Her blog on “Breaking the code of criminal justice administration” is well read for the latest updates on the criminal laws.

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