

## Human Rights: Theory and Practice

The language of human rights is very much the political lingua franca of the liberal west. The language of rights emerged, historically, in the western philosophical and political tradition of the 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> centuries. The philosophical and political ethos that birthed the ethos of rights took on significant legal status in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The monitoring and trying task of implementing rights when state security collides with universal human rights is part of the saga of the maturation and integration of rights on the global stage.

This course will examine the six major areas of rights: political, civil, legal, economic, social, cultural. We will also ponder the importance of environmental and animal rights, and who is responsible for implementing the layered levels of human, environmental and animal rights (state /society or both).

Class	Readings
1	Introduction
2	Ignatieff: Introduction
3.	Ignatieff: 3-48
4.	Ignatieff: 53-94
5.	Ignatieff: 101-173
6.	Donnelly: chapters 1-2
7.	Donnelly: chapters 3-4
8.	Donnelly: chapters 5-6
9.	Donnelly: chapters 7-8
10.	Donnelly: chapters 9-10
11.	Donnelly: chapters 11-12
12.	Donnelly: chapters 13-14
13.	Summary

## TEXTS

Donnelly, Jack: *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)

Ignatieff, Michael: *Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry*

## MARKING

Class Presentation	30%
Midterm	30%
Class Participation	10%
Final Exam	30%

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It is essential that the readings are faithfully and consistently done. Class discussions will presuppose the content of the readings.

Have a good semester.

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