



“The Diversity of Human Rights: Human Rights and Violence”

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Organizers

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The annual course addresses several problems within the human rights discourse. The participants come from different countries and bring in different disciplinary competences relevant for human rights theory and practice. The course aims at an interdisciplinary debate, especially between philosophy, jurisprudence, and political science. Additionally, it wants to establish a dialogue between researchers and human rights activists from the region.

The topic of this year’s course will be “Human Rights and Violence”. At first sight, it seems pretty clear that these are mutually exclusive concepts: it is the very function of human rights and the rule of law to replace relations of violence by relations regulated by rules and principles acceptable for all concerned. We need human rights to enjoy social guarantees so that conflicts and various ways of conflict-resolution will not violate our basic interests and dignity.

But we should also realize that human rights have an ‘interventionist core’. Taking them seriously does not only imply to *respect* human rights. It additionally entails duties to *protect* and to *help* others whose human rights are at risk or violated. In that regard, no social sphere and even no other state should be immune from external interference if that is necessary to realize basic rights. In fact, some proponents of a ‘political conception’ of human rights argue that the very point and purpose of human rights is to set limits to the sovereignty of states, i.e. human rights violations are regarded as reasons for legitimate intervention.

The organizers invite researchers to send in abstracts which address some of the problems and tensions just indicated, concerning the concept, conceptions, implementation and/or enforcement of human rights. The course will give room for the presentation of papers as well as for workshops especially designed to give students and young researchers the opportunity to present their work in progress. Each director will invite excellent students to participate in the course. The course language is English.

Details

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Location: Inter-University-Centre Dubrovnik, Croatia
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There will be a registration fee of 50 Euro to cover the costs.