

H 2430

3 hrs per week/7 credits

Human rights in a complex world

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Human rights are a core value of social work – but what does this actually mean? In our journey through discussions on human rights and relevant human rights documents, we will deconstruct the idea of human rights as a “gift of the West to the rest”, we will have a look at the origins of the current human rights system of the UN and we will analyze how it has developed since then. We will read and analyze original human rights documents and discussion papers as well as position papers from different disciplines. We will also have a closer look at the discussions and results of the Fourth Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of Germany of November 2023.

Examination

The graded examination consists of an extended essay. The examination requirement is to deal with a topic typical for the module and with reference to the topic of other modules.

The extended essay is to be written during the semester or by the end of the examination period