



Tübingen-International & European Studies (T-IES)

Summer School June

TRACK A

Human Rights and Migration in Europe Today

August 1 – 30, 2024

Course title:	Human Rights and Migration in Europe Today
Date / Room:	August 7 – 15, 2024 / Room Tba
Language of instruction:	English
Lecturer:	Dr Germana Favognano
Contact hours:	16 + exam + field work

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course focuses on the importance of human rights as core values of democratic societies of today's Europe. After a general introduction to human rights and the European human rights protection system, the students will be confronted with authentic cases of human rights violations in Europe and will discuss the problems occurring when trying to implement and protect fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law.

COURSE SCHEDULE

	Date	Topic	Reading
1 (= 90 minutes)	Wednesday, August 7 10:30 – 12:00	Human rights: a general introduction	<i>Universal Declaration of Human Rights</i> <i>Council of Europe: What are Human Rights?</i> Ukrainian President Zelensky addresses UN 2022
2	Wednesday, August 7 13:30 – 15:00	The European system of human rights protection	<i>Donnelly-Wehlan 2020</i>

3	Thursday, August 8 10:30 – 12:00	Human Rights challenges in Europe	<i>European Convention on Human Rights (Section One) The European Court of Human rights (video)</i>
4	Thursday, August 8 13:30 – 15:00	Focusing on the issue	<i>Current articles will be distributed during the class</i>
5	Monday, August 12 10:30 – 12:00	Migration and asylum in the European UNion	Vallianatou 2023
6	Monday, August 12 13:30 – 15:00	Focusing on the issue	<i>Euronews 2023 NGOs slam Europe for allowing migrants deaths</i>
	Tuesday, August 13	Field Work <i>(separate schedule will be made available)</i>	
7	Wednesday, August 14 10:30 – 12:00	Influence of populism on the European migration policy	Glucroft 2023 The rise of the right. Populism in Germany 2019
8	Wednesday, August 14 13:30 – 15:00	Summary and conclusions	
	Thursday, August 15 10:30 – 12:00	Final Written Exam	

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The aim of the course is to provide an informed and deep understanding of the system of protection of human rights in contemporary Europe and the challenge presented by (especially right-wing) populism and increasing migration. At the end of the course, students will be familiar with theoretical and practical approaches to the implementation of this basic right and with the positive and negative aspects of European politics regarding this subject. Through role plays and case studies, the students will be personally involved in human rights practices.

PREREQUISITES

The course is designed for undergraduate students (in their first or second year) from the social sciences and / or humanities with basic EU knowledge and a strong general interest in Europe and the EU. A very good command of English and the willingness to actively participate in the course are required.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS & GRADING

READING (REQUIRED)

Council of Europe (2023) What are Human Rights?
<https://www.coe.int/en/web/compass/what-are-human-rights->

Donnelly, Jack/Whelan Daniel J, (2020) International Human Rights, 6th Edition, Routledge pp. 120-123, 132

ECHR Film on the European Court of Human Rights available at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPWGDhgQlgk>

Euro News 2023 NGOs in Italy slam Europe for allowing migrant deaths in the Mediterranean (10:00) available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5J3TtdJOg8> subtitles in English

European Convention on Human Right, Section One available at
https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/sites/digital-agenda/files/Convention_ENG.pdf

Glucroft, William (2023) *Germany's migrants and minorities fear a far-right surge*, DW 07.24.23 <https://www.dw.com/en/migrants-and-minorities-in-germany-fear-a-far-right-surge/video-66332509>

The Rise of the Right: Populism in Germany (Video file) BBC News-2019 available at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pP3EcdC1VU>

Ukrainian President Zelensky addresses U.N. Security Council 5 April 2022
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SM24YCH5cnw>

Universal Declaration of Human Rights available at
https://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Documents/UDHR_Translations/eng.pdf

Vallianatou, Anna (2023) *The way forward for EU migration and asylum policy*, Chatham House, 04.19. 2023 <https://www.chathamhouse.org/2023/04/way-forward-eu-migration-and-asylum-policy>

(RECOMMENDED)

Donders, Yvonne: "Diversity in Europe: From Pluralism to Populism?" International Studies in Human Rights; Vol. 130, 2020 European Populism and Human Rights (pp. 52-71)
https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004416017_004

Human Rights Watch World Report 2024 Section on the European Union pages 223-235

INFORMATION ON THE LECTURER

Dr. Germana Favognano is currently a lecturer for Human Rights at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen with a special focus on migration issues and freedom of expression in Europe. She graduated in Political Science and International Relations and specialized in Human Rights Studies at the University of Palermo (Italy) with a dissertation on the International Criminal Court of the U.N. She was active in the field of human rights education and migration issues for NGOs in London, Italy, Brazil and Germany. Her special field of study is the role of international courts in protecting and promoting human rights and freedom of expression.

