

COURSE DETAIL

THE RIGHTS OF MAN: THE HISTORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS DISCOURSE FROM THE ANTIGONE TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

London School of Economics

Program(s)

London School of Economics

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

140

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

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UCEAP Transcript Title

THE RIGHTS OF MAN

UCEAP Quarter Units

12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

Human Rights are often assumed to have a precise 20th-century origin in the 1948 Universal Declaration or in the succeeding decades of increasing activism. However, the history of human rights discourse and its practical impact emerged as only the latest stage of a sequence of intellectual debates and real-life struggles in specific historical settings over political, religious, economic rights, broadly defined. Different cultural milieus have produced a variety of contexts for working out tensions between claims by individuals or minorities for autonomy on the one hand and the rival demands of collective obligation and identity on the other. This course seeks to explore an (inevitably selective) range of these historical contexts in order to demonstrate the continuity of perennial themes of conflict between the claims of individual actors and corporate institutions, whether states, churches, empires or other institutions, while also showing how and when key changes take place in the recognition of rights of political action, conscience, property ownership, gender identity, and workers' rights etc.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HY200

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

International History

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