


**Norwegian Centre for Human Rights,
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Brief Overview

- The **Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR)** is a multi-disciplinary Centre, **internationally recognized as a leading institution in the field of human rights**.
 - **Academic staff** (includes lawyers, a political scientist, social anthropologist, social geography, and philosophy) and the **international department; approximately 30 staff** (including *research assistants* and *emeriti*).
 - Main activities: **research, teaching, and training and capacity building – annual budget, about 40 million NOK**.
 - **NCHR's International Department** is funded through an agreement with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). The Department is **thematically organized (capacity building and training)**.
 - The NCHR hosts **three Faculty Research Groups**. The Centre is responsible for editing the **Nordic Journal of Human Rights** (Norwegian **level 2 publication channel**).
-  NCHR hosts a two-year **Master program in 'The Theory and Practice of Human Rights'**. Courses on human rights and IHL.

NCHR Leadership Group

- Gentian Zyberi, Head of Department.
- Stener Ekern, acting Deputy Head of Department, and Head of Research (substituting for Bård Anders Andreassen, who is on sabbatical until November 2020).
- Peris S Jones, Head of Education.
- Kathrine Raadim, Head of International Department.
- Teis Daniel Kjelling, Head of Administration.



Teaching Activities

- NCHR's two-year Master program in '**The Theory and Practice of Human Rights**' is well-established and quite popular.
- NCHR is also involved in the **teaching of human rights and international humanitarian law for law students and exchange students at the University of Oslo.**
- **Summer school (ISS)**, course on fundamental human rights (**online this year**, due to Covid-19).
- **Annual intensive human rights course** (*September*).
- **Grant Erasmus + Global Mobility** (about 100K Euros), cooperation with the University of Prishtina, Kosovo.
- **Preparing application for Norhed 2, capacity building.**



Research Activities

- **Three Faculty Research Groups** (*armed conflicts and peace, sustainable development, migration and refugee law*).
- **Three externally funded research projects on migration and refugee law** (*Maja Janmyr: 1 NFR; 1 ERC_StG; 1 ERC Horizon 2020*).
- **Recently submitted 5 NFR projects:** *2 researcher projects and 3 post-doc projects (mobility stipend)*.
- **Editing the Nordic Journal of Human Rights** (since 1982).
- **Visiting scholars' program** (hosting international researchers).



Capacity Building and Training

- NCHR has **over 30 years of experience** promoting human rights through **competence building, knowledge enhancement and dialogue**.
- The **NCHR International Department** promotes human rights internationally through **six thematic areas of commitment**:
 1. **Human Rights Education**: Yi Wang
 2. **Rule of Law and/or Indonesia**: Knut D. Asplund
 3. **Freedom of Religion or Belief**: Lena Larsen
 4. **Business and Human Rights**: Aksel A. Tømte
 5. **Equality and non-discrimination**: Elisabeth Perioli Bjørnstøl
 6. **Human Rights Mechanisms and/or China**: Cecilie F. Bakke
 - **Universal Protocol/UNPOL Cooperation**: Gisle Kvanvig
- **Long-term agreements with the Norwegian MFA. Current agreement with the MFA covers 2020-2021 (60 Million NOK in total). Process to secure new agreement/funding ongoing.**



Concluding Remarks

- NCHR is a **leading human rights Centre**.
- Approximately **30 staff**; budget **about 40 million NOK**.
- *Research, teaching and capacity building/training*.
- **Broad thematic focus**, with a **strong presence in Asia** (China, Indonesia and Vietnam/ASEAN).



• **Any questions?**