



16–20 May 2011 in Turku/Åbo, Finland

The Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University,
Chair in Human Rights Law, Stellenbosch University Law Faculty, South Africa
Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo, jointly organize:

Intensive Course on Justiciability of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Theory and Practice

Course Description

This one-week intensive course offers participants an opportunity to develop specialist-level knowledge in the field of economic, social and cultural rights (ESC rights), with a particular focus on justiciability at the national, regional and international level. It draws on a wealth of material from across the world in order to analyse existing institutionalised practices of interpretation and implementation of ESC rights, and focuses on theoretical questions and practical issues, such as effective strategies and the impact of adjudication.

The course is conducted in English, and is composed of seminars, a moot court exercise and an optional written examination. The course is designed for PhD students, scholars, practitioners (e.g., law, human rights or development), policy-makers and advanced master's students. The number of participants is restricted to 40.

Those who successfully complete the course, including the written examination, will receive a Diploma equivalent to 10 ECTS credits. With no written examination, the participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance equivalent to 2 ECTS credits.

Application

Applicants should complete the application form, include 2 separate letters of recommendation in support of their application, and return a completed application to the Institute for Human Rights (address below). The deadline for applications is **11 February 2011**.

Cost and Scholarships

The course and accommodation fee is EUR 900. The fee is EUR 700 for those who make their own housing arrangements. Students at Åbo Akademi are exempted from the course fee. A limited number of scholarships is available (for details, see course application form). Details of the course, including application forms, can be obtained from the Institute's website at:

www.abo.fi/instut/imr/courses.htm

Readings and Contact Details

Further readings for the seminars and a list of readings for the examination will be posted on the course website.

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Programme

Theme 1: Conceptual Issues about Justiciability (3 hrs)

- Conceptual Issues on Justiciability of ESC Rights, **Sandra Liebenberg**, H.F. Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights Law, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Theme 2: International and Regional Review Procedures (3 hrs)

- International and Regional Review.
- International Case Study: The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, **Tara J. Melish**, Associate Professor of Law, Director, Buffalo Human Rights Center University at Buffalo Law School.

Theme 3: ESC Rights Litigation in Regional Human Rights Systems (9 hrs)

The Inter-American System

- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.
- Inter-American Court of Human Rights, **Tara J. Melish**.

African Human Rights System

- African Commission and Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, **Sandra Liebenberg**.

European Human Rights System

- European Court of Human Rights, **Luke Clements**, Professor, Cardiff Law School, Wales.
- European Committee on Social Rights, **Catarina Krause**, LL.M., Deputy Director, Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University.

Theme 4: National Jurisdictions (7 hrs)

- Latin America: Colombia, Argentina and Beyond, **César Rodríguez-Garavito**, Associate Professor and Director, Programme on Global Justice and Human Rights, University of the Andes (Bogotá, Colombia).
- The South African Jurisprudence, **Sandra Liebenberg**.
- Trends in Comparative Case-Law, **Malcolm Langford**, Research Fellow, Director of the Socio-Economic Rights Programme, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo.

Theme 5: Specific Issues in Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Litigation (4 hrs)

- Litigation in a Broader Context: Legitimacy, Effectiveness and Strategy.
- Multinational Corporations and the World Bank: Non-State Actors and Legal Accountability.
- ESC Rights and Investment and Trade Law: Competing or Overlapping Forums? **Malcolm Langford**.

Moot Hearings (3 hrs)