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LW 5117 International Human Rights Law 2025-26	Module coordinator, Mr Patrick Twomey Lecturers: Prof Siobhán Mullally, Prof Roja Fazaeli, Mr Patrick Twomey
Credits: 10 ECTS	Venue and Timetable Wednesday 11-1pm (ICHR Seminar Room) – LLM IHRL programme students only All other LLM programmes: Wednesday 2-4pm (: Human Biology Building - HBB B001 Small Lecture Theatre
Aim: The course aims to provide students with a general introduction to the sources, systems, and foundations of international human rights law. It also aims to include a critical lens that will give students the skills to apply the law utilising a robust understanding of the origins, impacts, and power of international human rights law. Teaching Methods: Classes will include discussion-based lectures, guest presenters, and small group exercises. The format will vary each week. Students are expected to have completed	Learning Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be able to conduct effective research in the field of international human rights law.• Be familiar with the major universal and regional systems of human rights law, their relationships to each other, and the legal value and authority of declarations, decisions, judgments, and other materials generated by them.• Develop knowledge of and capacity to analyse general concepts of public international law, to the extent that they are relevant in the field of human rights.

<p>all reading prior to class and should be prepared to contribute to discussions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an awareness of the primary areas of concern within the field of international human rights law and other relevant branches of international law, and the ways in which human rights are promoted and protected. • Understand the critiques of human rights law and be able to critically engage in human rights analysis and debate. • Application of international human rights law to potential situations of international human rights law violations
<p>Introductory Texts:</p> <p>Rhona K.M. Smith, <i>Texts and Materials on International Human Rights</i>, 4th Edition (2020 Routledge). [Full text available as an ebook through library website.]</p> <p>Philip Alston <i>International Human Rights</i> (2025)</p> <p>https://humanrightstextbook.org/ (open access, available free to download)</p>	<p>Assessment:</p> <p>100% Research essay (5000 words, excluding footnotes and bibliography), submission online via Canvas</p> <p>-</p> <p>***A list of essay topics will be provided. You must choose one of the listed topics. (Submission online via CANVAS). Submission deadlines noted in the LLM Programme Guidelines ***</p>
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