

Title:	Introduction to the European Convention on Human Rights
Lecture hours:	30
Study period: (summer/winter)	Summer and winter semester
Number of credits:	5
Assessment methods:	Attendance, final exam
Language of instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	Knowledge of basic legal concepts would facilitate the understanding of the material, however it is not an indispensable condition for attendance at the course.
Course content:	<p>The course aims to give students a comprehensive introduction to the substance of rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and interpreted in the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights. Furthermore, we will discuss mechanisms of the judicial protection of these rights by the European Court of Human Rights. Special emphasis will be placed on issues that provoke students' interests and meet their expectations. In particular, the following topics will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - principles of the interpretation of the Convention, especially the margin of appreciation doctrine; - the right to life; - prohibition of torture, degrading and inhuman treatment and punishment; - protection from slavery and forced labour; - personal liberty and security; - the right to fair trial in civil and criminal cases; - protection of private and family life, home and correspondence; - freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief; - freedom of expression; - freedom of assembly and association; - protection of property; - right to education; - freedom from discrimination; - proceedings before the European Court of Human
Learning outcomes:	The student is supposed to familiarize with essential trends and directions in the interpretation of the rights and freedoms enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights elaborated by the European Court of Human Rights in the context of social and cultural changes occurring within societies of the state-parties to the Convention. He or she should be able to critically analyse the jurisprudence of the Court by taking into account occurring social developments as well as increasing expectations in the field of the protection of human rights.
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Literature:	<p>R. White, C. Ovey, The European Convention on Human Rights, Oxford 2010. Ch. Grabenwarter European Convention on Human Rights. commentary, München 2014 W. A. Schabas, The European Convention on Human Rights : a commentary, Oxford, 2015. K. Reid, A practitioner's guide to the European Convention on Human Rights, 4. ed. – London, 2011.</p>