

Human Rights: the Social and Cultural History of an Idea

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	6127HIST	
Formal Module Title	Human Rights: the Social and Cultural History of an Idea	
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science	
Career	Undergraduate	
Credits	20	
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6	
Grading Schema	40	

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery	
Humanities and Social Science	

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	24
Seminar	12

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	To provide students with specialist knowledge of the history of humanitarian action and human rights activism in the 19th and 20th centuries and their intellectual, historical and political underpinnings. To provide students with an in-depth grasp of the current historiographical debates. To provide students with detailed knowledge of the history of humanitarian and human rights organizations, their campaigns and the modern human rights regime after 1945.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Independently engage with a variety of historical sources including film, television, newspaper reports and organization archives.
MLO2	2	Critically evaluate the links between the theory and practice of humanitarianism and human rights and their historical contexts.
MLO3	3	Present coherently and efficiently in an oral presentation the analysis of both primary and secondary sources.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	Recent Debates on the History of Human RightsThe Enlightenment Roots of the Human Rights DiscourseUniversal, National, Personal? The European Debate 1815-1896The Dreyfus Affair and the Foundation of the French League for Human RightsA Light that Failed? Human Rights and the League of NationsExile and Resistance: International Responses to Fascism and the HolocaustThe United Nations and the Creation of the First Human Rights RegimeBiafra and the Greek Dictatorship: Two Early Human Rights CampaignsThe Human Rights Revolution of the 1970sThe Chile and Anti-Apartheid Campaigns: Human Rights Activism as a Mass Phenomenon Human Rights in the 21st Century: Last Utopia or Ideology of Western Dominance?	
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Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Report	1000 wd source Interpretation	25	0	MLO1, MLO2
Presentation	15-minute oral presentation	25	0	MLO1, MLO2
Essay	2000 word essay	50	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Andre Keil	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings