SAM5144 - Religion and Human Rights

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Generell informasjon
In the modern world, Human Rights are part of the international normative regime that regulates the relationship between individuals and the State. Moreover, this regime also functions as a background for assessing how different states relate to, evaluate, and intervene in relation to, other states on different levels of interaction. Human Rights have emerged out of a Western context, and presuppose an understanding of human beings rooted in the Enlightenment. Moreover, they have partly developed as a response to conflicts between different groups and / or religious denominations, and they represent an attempt to regulate the relationship between people without taking their religious commitments into consideration, while at the same time underscoring the basic equality of all humans.

Required knowledge: Students who are not enrolled in the Master Programme Religion, Society and Global Issues, should have equivalent background.

Studiekvav
To complete the course, the student have to:
- Be present at 75 % of the teaching.
- Write a book report 1200-2000 words from a limited part of the course syllabus. The topic of the report is selected in cooperation with the professor and is graded pass/fail.
- Participate in the evaluation of the curriculum, if such evaluation is stipulated in the relevant term.

When course requirements are not fulfilled this will count as one examination attempt, unless you withdraw within the set deadline (1 May/ 1 November).

In semesters when the course is not taught, the students are not expected to write a book report.

Avsluttende vurdering
To gain credit for the course the student must fulfill all the requirements and a take-home examination (one week, 4000-5000 words). The exam is assessed with grades A-F.

In semesters when the course is not taught, the students write an essay (5500-6000 words) instead of the take-home examination. The essay is assessed with grades (A-F).

Læringsutbyte etter fullført emne

KNOWLEDGE
The students has:
- good knowledge of human rights theory.
- good knowledge of the social and cultural conditions upon which a constructive and critical mediation between Islam, Christianity and human rights is possible.
- advanced knowledge of the debate concerning the relationship between Islam and Christianity on the one hand, and human rights theory on the other.

SKILLS
The student can:
- critically discuss whether or not human rights are culturally relative.
- critically discuss the social and cultural conditions necessary for mediation between Islam, Christianity, and human rights.
- discuss whether or not human rights provides us with tools by which we may criticize Islamic and Christian traditions in different ways.
- display a capacity for independent critical thinking.

Litteratur

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LITTERATUR
Eksamens-/innleveringsdatoer

Hjemmeeksamen

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Tidspunkt for utlevering: 09:00
Innleveringsdato: 27. mai 2019
Innleveringsfrist: 12:00
Varighet: 1 uke
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