



## Political Dynamics of Human Rights Spring Semester

### **Assessment 2:** Human Rights Case Study.

Weighting: 60%

Date and method of submission: week 15

Word count or equivalent: 2500 words (+/-10%)

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### **Assessment 1: Human Rights Case Study (60% of final mark)**

#### **Instructions for the Candidate:**

- ▶ Writing a Human Rights Case Study.
- ▶ Please write your student ID number in the first page.
- ▶ Submission mode: NEO LMS online access. Only submissions made via the specified mode will be accepted and hard copies or any other digital form of submissions (like via email or pen drive etc.) will not be accepted.
- ▶ For coursework, the submission word limit is 2500 words (+/-10%). You must comply with the word count guidelines. Tables, diagrams, bibliography, appendices, annex and headings are NOT included within word count calculations. You must specify total word count on the front page of your paper.
- ▶ For coursework, please use font size 12 for body text and the typeface (font) should be Arial or Times New Roman with minimum 1.5 spacing.
- ▶ For headers and titles, please use font size 14. Your submission must have standard margins and page numbers.
- ▶ Please use English (UK) as your language in the submission.
- ▶ You are required to use only Harvard Referencing System in your submission. Any content which is already published by other author(s) and is not referenced will be considered as a case of plagiarism.
- ▶ You should include a completed copy of the Assignment Cover sheet. Weighting 60 %.

### **Assessment 2: Human Rights Case Study (60%)**

Student needs to prepare a Human Rights Country Profile – an academic paper - for one of the following countries:

- China



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- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- the United States
- Uzbekistan
- Venezuela
- Vietnam
- Zimbabwe

The Human Rights Country Profile shall include the following components:

1. Short description of the country: population, political system, neighboring countries, GDP per capita according to the World Bank, language(s), religion(s), ethnic diversity.
2. Ratified treaties: ICCPR (plus its OPs), ICESCR, CAT, CEDAW, CERD, CRC.
3. Country overview, e.g. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Freedom House.
4. Analysis of political and economic rights' observance in the country.
5. Critical discussion of the human rights foreign policy/ies the country implements and/or is exposed to.
6. Analysis of the role of international and regional human rights institutions and as well as civil society.
7. Critical engagement with the limitations of human rights institutions and the debate regarding human rights universal application and enforcement.

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**Knowledge and Understanding (40%)**

Demonstrated ability to operate and apply the theoretical knowledge to a particular case study: student is able to provide an exhaustive factual data regarding human rights situation based ratified human rights treaties as well as reports of international and regional human rights bodies, and civil society.

**Cognitive Skills (40%)**

Demonstrated ability to analyse human rights situation taking into consideration political and economic variables as well as cultural relativism. Critical analysis of the



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possible role of international and regional human rights institutions as well as civil society.

### **Practical and Professional Skills (10%)**

Competence in practical assessment of human rights instruments applicable to a given case study.

### **Transferrable and Key Skills (10%)**

Quality of referencing (academic journals, academic books), consistency of referencing, i.e. Harvard style.



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