



Leitner Center
for International Law and Justice
AT FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL, NEW YORK CITY

2014 Summer Human Rights Institute (SHRI)

COURSE OFFERINGS

The 2014 Summer Human Rights Institute (SHRI) is designed to provide students and professionals from around the world with a comprehensive introduction to the theory and application of human rights law. This intense two-week program enables individuals with limited time to gain an in-depth understanding of the theory and practice of international human rights through daily lectures and workshops with Fordham Law professors, supplemented by fieldwork and discussions with members of New York's prominent human rights community. All courses and activities will be conducted in English; no language assessment is required. Each week offers approximately 30 hours of instruction and participants will earn Certificates from the Leitner Center.

In the first week, all participants attend an **Overview of International Human Rights** course. For the second week of the program, participants choose two of the following four modules on select areas of human rights law to be offered, subject to sufficient enrollment:

- **Module 1: Business and Human Rights**
- **Module 2: Vulnerable Groups**
- **Module 3: Civil and Political Rights**
- **Module 4: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

Please read on for course descriptions and faculty bios.





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Overview of International Human Rights

Professors Martin Flaherty & Paolo Galizzi

July 28 to August 1, 2014

This first week course will provide a comprehensive introduction to the theory and practice of human rights law. The course will first examine the evolution of international human rights law, and will then look at the key international instruments that protect human rights, as well as the main mechanisms for the implementation of international human rights law within the UN system. Topics to be covered include the debate over the universality, interdependence and indivisibility of rights; and the practical political realities of promoting human rights.



Professor Martin S. Flaherty is Leitner Family Professor of Law and Co-Founding Director of the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School. He is also a Visiting Professor at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and the New School in New York. Formerly chair of the New York City Bar Association's International Human Rights Committee, Professor Flaherty founded the Rule of Law in Asia Program at the Leitner Center as well as co-founded the Committee to Support Chinese Lawyers, and has led or participated in human rights fact-finding trips in Northern

Ireland, Turkey, Hong Kong, Mexico, Malaysia, Kenya, and Romania. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and the author and editor of numerous books, chapters, and scholarly articles, in the fields of constitutional law and history, foreign affairs, and international human rights.



Professor Paolo Galizzi is Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Sustainable Development Legal Initiative (SDLI) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program at the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School. He joined Fordham from Imperial College, University of London, and previously held academic positions at Universities of Nottingham, Verona, and Milan. At the Leitner Center, Professor Galizzi directs the international development clinic, as well as a new clinic on corporate social responsibility that he began in 2012. Professor Galizzi's research interests lie in

international environmental law, human rights and the law of sustainable development, and he has published extensively in these areas. He has also directed numerous legal research and capacity building projects in partnership with diverse public and private stakeholders in Sub-Saharan Africa.



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MODULE 1: Business and Human Rights

Professors Emily Smith Ewing & Joey Lee

August 4 to 8, 2014

Looking at the increasing expectation of socially responsible business and sustainable enterprise, this course will critically review recent developments in the field of business and human rights law, including in the area of responsible investment. This module will also analyze the current instruments that set the standards for corporate behavior, including the recently endorsed the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.



Professor Emily Smith Ewing is PVH Corp. Fellow in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice and Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School, where she co-teaches in the Center's CSR and International Law and Development in Africa clinics. Prior to joining the Leitner Center, Emily worked as a corporate lawyer at Norton Rose Fulbright, and directed a small NGO, Hands On Hong Kong, that advised companies on CSR programs, among other initiatives. With past work experience in London, Hong Kong, Southern China and New York, Emily now

works on CSR issues across a range of industries and regions, including research on CSR in Africa, examining the rights of workers in the apparel sector across the globe, and investigating the social responsibility of lawyers to provide pro bono services in Colombia and Ghana, with upcoming projects in Argentina and Chile.



Professor Joey Lee is the Asia Law and Justice Fellow at the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice and Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School. At the Center, Professor Lee leads research and advocacy efforts to support strengthening of rule of law and human rights protections in Asia, with a focus on China and Myanmar. He also co-teaches in the Corporate Social Responsibility clinic, directing projects on corporate accountability for human rights impacts, particularly in the information and communications technology sector. Previously, he worked on these and other issues at Human Rights in

China as a Bernstein Fellow in International Human Rights and later as Hong Kong Senior Program Manager. Prior to joining HRC, Professor Lee practiced business litigation at the Boston office of Edwards Wildman LLP, with a focus on directors' and officers' liability.



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MOD. 2: Groups Most Vulnerable to Human Rights Abuses

Professors Gay McDougall & Elisabeth Wicker

August 4 to 8, 2014

This course will introduce the human rights issues facing groups particularly vulnerable to human rights abuses such as women and children, the LGBT community and persons with disabilities. Readings will examine the various international human rights treaties addressing these concerns and describe the international legal framework's increasingly cross-referential approach to monitoring such abuses. In addition, the course will explore the intersecting human rights abuses unique to individuals with multiple identities within these groups.



Professor Gay McDougall is Distinguished Scholar-In-Residence at the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School. Prior to coming to Fordham, she served as the first United Nations Independent Expert on Minority Issues, as a member of the UN treaty body that oversees compliance with the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and as Executive Director of the international human rights NGO, Global Rights. She was one of five international members of the South African Independent Electoral Commission that administered the first democratic, non-racial elections in that country. For 14 years prior to that appointment, she had served as Director of the Southern Africa Project of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, where she worked to secure the release of thousands of political prisoners.



Professor Elisabeth Wicker is Executive Director of the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice and Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School. Professor Wicker also directs the Center's Asia Law and Justice Program and is Chair of the New York City Bar Association's International Human Rights Committee. She concentrates her research on human rights defenders, socio-economic rights, and the rights of vulnerable groups and people. At Fordham, Professor Wicker teaches in the public international law curriculum, as well as the Leitner Center's International Human Rights and Law and Development in Africa clinics, and has led human rights fieldwork in Bolivia, Cambodia, China, Ghana, Myanmar, Nepal, Hong Kong, Rwanda, and Tanzania. She also serves as a law lecturer and course director with the Center for International Humanitarian Cooperation.



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MODULE 3: Civil and Political Rights

Professors Paolo Galizzi & Catherine Powell

August 4 to 8, 2014

Providing participants with an in-depth understanding of civil and political rights (CPR), this course will critically evaluate CPR instruments, enforcement mechanisms and the role of the Human Rights Committee. Analyzing a number of specific civil and political rights in context, this course will also examine the important role that human rights now play in international development.



Professor Paolo Galizzi is Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Sustainable Development Legal Initiative (SDLI) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program at the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School. He joined Fordham from Imperial College, University of London, and previously held academic positions at Universities of Nottingham, Verona, and Milan. At the Leitner Center, Professor Galizzi directs the international development clinic, as well as a new clinic on corporate social responsibility that he began in 2012. Professor Galizzi's research interests lie in international environmental law, human rights and the law of sustainable development, and he has published extensively in these areas. He has also directed numerous legal research and capacity building projects in partnership with diverse public and private stakeholders in Sub-Saharan Africa.



Professor Catherine Powell is Associate Professor of Law and Director of the International Law and Constitution Initiative at Fordham Law School, where she teaches international law, human rights, and constitutional law. She is also a fellow in the Women and Foreign Policy Program at the Council on Foreign Relations. Professor Powell took a leave from academia from 2009–2012 to serve on Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's Policy Planning Staff and on the National Security Staff as director for human rights in the Obama administration. She was founding director of both the Human Rights Institute and Human Rights Clinic at Columbia Law School, where she was a clinical professor from 1998–2002. In addition to previously serving on the board of Human Rights Watch, she has been a consultant on national security and human rights matters for the Center for American Progress and the American Constitution Society.



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MODULE 4: Economic Social and Cultural Rights

Professors Alena Herklotz and Elisabeth Wickerl

August 4 to 8, 2014

This course will provide a detailed examination of economic, social and cultural rights, with a review of the international instruments and mechanisms used to protect them. Looking at socio-economic rights in context and using case studies, this course will also consider the expectation of progressive realization, methods of enforcement, and developing understanding of extraterritorial obligations towards economic, social and cultural rights.



Professor Alena Herklotz is Adjunct Professor of Law and Sustainable Development Legal Initiative (SDLI) Fellow with the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School. She joined the Leitner Center as a Centennial Fellow in 2006-2007, during which she was also a Legal Fellow at the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor. At Fordham, Ms. Herklotz teaches in the International Law and Development in Africa (ILDA) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) clinics, and the international environmental law curriculum. She has written in the fields of sustainable development and international environmental law and supports SDLI's many capacity building, research and scholarship activities, particularly in Ghana, West Africa, where she has led projects on *inter alia* renewable energy regulation, customary law reporting, and legal infrastructure for accessing the global carbon markets.



Professor Elisabeth Wickerl is Executive Director of the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice and Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School. Professor Wickerl also directs the Center's Asia Law and Justice Program and is Chair of the New York City Bar Association's International Human Rights Committee. She concentrates her research on human rights defenders, socio-economic rights, and the rights of vulnerable groups and people. At Fordham, Professor Wickerl teaches in the public international law curriculum, as well as the Leitner Center's International Human Rights and Law and Development in Africa clinics, and has led human rights fieldwork in Bolivia, Cambodia, China, Ghana, Myanmar, Nepal, Hong Kong, Rwanda, and Tanzania. She also serves as a law lecturer and course director with the Center for International Humanitarian Cooperation.