

UNU Joint Graduate Courses 2008

Course I

International Human Rights Law and Humanitarian Assistance

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Objective

The year 2008 marks the sixtieth anniversary of the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the historic Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In fact, since its creation in 1945, the UN has continuously endeavoured to promote and protect human rights as well as provide humanitarian assistance through the Commission on Human Rights (now the Human Rights Council) and other UN human rights bodies and agencies by setting international human rights standards, monitoring human rights situations in member States, providing humanitarian assistance, and conducting studies and research. Course I will look into the role of the UN and other actors in the promotion and protection of human rights and humanitarian assistance focusing particularly on refugees, migrants, children, businesses and women.

目的

2008年は、国連総会が歴史的文書である「世界人権宣言」を採択して60年の記念すべき年です。実際、国連は1945年に設立されて以来、一貫して人権の促進と保護および人道支援を推進してきました。具体的には「人権委員会」（現人権理事会）や他の国連関係機関を通して、人権基準の設定、加盟国の人権状況の監視、人道支援、研究・調査などの活動に従事してきました。コースIは、国連やその他の行為主体が、人権の促進と保護、そして人道支援において果たしている役割を、とくに難民、移住者、子供、企業、女性に焦点を当てて検討します。

Week No.	Lecture Date	Lecture Title	Lecturer
1	30 Sep.	General Introduction	Prof. Kazuo Takahashi (UNU)
2	7 Oct.	Concepts and Theory	Prof. Yozo Yokota (UNU)
3	14 Oct.	<Special Session> Conflicts, Human Rights and Humanitarian Assistance – the Case of Sri Lanka (17:00-19:00)	H.E. Mr. Yasushi Akashi (Special Representative of the Japanese Government for Peace Negotiations in Sri Lanka)
4	21 Oct.	The Role of the UN in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights	Prof. Shin Hae Bong (Aoyama Gakuin University)
		Presentations of Preliminary Reports and Discussions	Coordinators
5	28 Oct.	The Role of NGOs in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights	Ms. Kazuko Ito (Human Rights Now)
		Presentations of Preliminary Reports and Discussions	Coordinators
6	4 Nov.	Refugee and the UN (1)	Mr. Saburo Takizawa (UNHCR Representative in Japan)
		Presentations of Preliminary Reports and Discussions	Coordinators
7	11 Nov.	Refugee and the UN (2)	Mr. Saburo Takizawa (UNHCR Representative in Japan)
		Presentations of Preliminary Reports and Discussions	Coordinators
8	18 Nov.	Transborder Migration and Human Rights	Mr. Akio Nakayama (IOM Representative in Japan)
		Presentations of Preliminary Reports and Discussions	Coordinators
9	25 Nov.	Rights of the Child and the UN	Mr. Dan Rohrmann (UNICEF Representative in Japan)
		Presentations of Preliminary Reports and Discussions	Coordinators
10	2 Dec.	Business and Human Rights – In the Context of CSR	Ms. Mari Kogiso (World Bank Tokyo Office)
		Presentations of Preliminary Reports and Discussions	Coordinators
11	9 Dec.	Women and Human Rights (1)	Prof. Yoko Hayashi (Waseda University)
		Presentations of Preliminary Reports and Discussions	Coordinators
12	16 Dec.	Women and Human Rights (2)	Prof. Yoko Hayashi (Waseda University)