

FRONTIERS IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW: *DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, MIGRATION, PANDEMICS AND CLIMATE CHANGE* ONLINE | AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026



DESCRIPTION

This intensive summer course examines how international human rights law is evolving in response to contemporary global challenges. Building on the foundations of the international human rights framework, the course explores the capacity of international and regional systems to address complex issues such as digital technologies and surveillance, migration and displacement, pandemics, climate change and socio-economic inequalities.

Through the analysis of recent case law, advisory opinions, and emerging legal doctrines, participants will examine how state obligations and core human rights principles—including human dignity, equality and non-discrimination or self-determination—are applied in new contexts. Particular attention is given to recent jurisprudence from UN human rights bodies as well as from regional courts, namely the European Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the African Court of Human and Peoples' rights. Combining doctrinal analysis with discussion of current legal developments, the course introduces participants to the latest developments in both the theory and the practice of international human rights law.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Analyze how international human rights law responds to contemporary global challenges such as climate change, migration governance, and digital technologies.
- Interpret and critically assess recent jurisprudence and institutional practice from UN human rights bodies and regional courts.
- Apply international human rights norms to emerging scenarios involving environmental protection, technological change, and cross-border state responsibility.
- Evaluate the effectiveness and limitations of international and regional human rights protection mechanisms in addressing complex structural harms.
- Develop and articulate legal arguments grounded in primary sources and scholarly debates on advanced issues in international human rights law.

LECTURER

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She is also a Fellow at the Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Governance (C-EENRG), University of Cambridge, and co-Editor-in-Chief of the Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law (RECIEL). Her research focuses on the legal dimensions of global environmental change, human rights, global health, and international institutional law, combining doctrinal analysis with interdisciplinary perspectives. She has acted as a consultant, legal advisor, and co-counsel for States and international organizations in international proceedings before human rights bodies and the International Court of Justice. She is the author of Human Dignity in International Law, which was awarded the 2023 Paul Guggenheim Prize.

AGENDA OF THE ONLINE SESSIONS

- Friday 28 August, 12:00 to 13:00 – *Introduction*
- Monday 31 August, 12:00 to 14:00
- Tuesday 1 September, 12:00 to 14:00
- Wednesday 2 September, 12:00 to 14:00
- Thursday 3 September, 12:00 to 14:00
- Friday 4 September, 12:00 to 14:00
- Monday 7 September, 12:00 to 14:00
- Tuesday 8 September, 12:00 to 14:00

HOW TO APPLY

Please send an email to digital.academy@geneva-academy.ch with a CV and a motivation letter expressing your interest in the specific course. Selected applicants will receive a confirmation of acceptance. To secure their place, accepted participants are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of CHF 100.

Please note that this course is subject to a minimum of 10 participants. If this minimum is not reached two weeks prior to the start date, this course will not be delivered and all registered participants will receive a full refund of the deposit. Places are limited to 25 participants, and therefore early application is strongly encouraged.

TUITION FEE

CHF 950.

A discount of CHF 100 is available for students, alumni of the Academy, and individuals who have previously participated in our trainings or educational activities.

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