**Human Rights in a Shifting Environment**

**Number of lecture hours:** 24

**Evaluation:** report

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**Course description**

Since the late 18th century, coinciding with the events of the French Revolution and the American Independence War, it has been getting more and more obvious that people have rights. The term may vary (human rights, fundamental rights, constitutional rights, freedoms) but the purpose is the same: the individual has protection against the state. People have personal, political, economic, social rights and one may think that the field of rights is a “one way street” in which the scope of rights always grow and the protection always strengthen. The course examines if this is really the case: are human rights sustainable?

**Outline of the course:**

1. Introduction. Contemporary challenges of rights
2. Whose rights? Individuals, communities, states possessing and being obligators of rights
3. Rights in times of emergency
4. Rights and values choice (abortion, same-sex marriage)
5. The fight against disinformation in light of freedom of expression
6. Who said that? - liability for online comments
7. Migrant rights as human rights - push-backs and the prohibition of collective expulsion
8. The threat to national security in immigration cases and the right to remedy in the ECtHR jurisprudence
9. Conscientious objection - individual peace at the time of war