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**Course Requirements:**

- 60% 3 research assignments (one for each section)
- 30% Attendance & participation (including reaction papers)
- 10% End of term presentations (December 8<sup>th</sup>)

The research assignments are specific to each section of the course and you will be provided details by each instructor.

*Attendance will be taken.* Missing more than 2 times lowers your final grade by one-third (e.g., an A- turns into a B+); missing more than 4 times results in a failing grade. Arriving late, leaving early, interrupting class with a cell phone or other electronic device will be counted as an absence and have a deleterious effect on your participation grade. This policy applies to text messaging.

Students will write reaction papers each week (or as otherwise instructed) on the readings. Students will be assigned a portion of the weekly readings for which they will have to present an overview of in class.

*The instructors require all cell phones and pagers to be switched off during class.* Electronic devices, including language translation equipment, may not be used during classes or exams. Late assignments and papers will be penalized 10 percent per day beyond the due date. Incompletes will only be offered when requested in writing on behalf of a student by the Chair of the Department of Political Science or the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Grade disputes must be in writing. Students who expect to miss class because of the observance of a religious holiday will have an opportunity to make up missed work given that the instructor has been notified of the anticipated absence by the last day of

late registration. Students who expect to miss class due to an officially sanctioned, UNLV activity (e.g., intercollegiate athletics) must notify the instructors in writing at least 7 days prior to the anticipated absence and provide verification of participation.

The instructors reserve the right to have students' written materials submitted electronically and assessed by *plagiarism detection software*. The University requires all members of the University Community to be familiar with and to follow copyright and fair use laws. You are individually and solely responsible for violations of copyright and fair use laws. The University will neither protect nor defend you nor assume any responsibility for employee or student violations of fair use laws. Violations of copyright laws could subject you to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability as well as disciplinary action under University policies. To help familiarize yourself with copyright and fair use policies, the University encourages you to visit its copyright page at: <[www.unlv.edu/committees/copyright](http://www.unlv.edu/committees/copyright)>. Plagiarism or cheating of any kind will result in a failing grade for the course – no exceptions.

**Student Accommodation:** The UNLV Disability Resource Center (DRC) houses the resources for students with disabilities. If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to contact the DRC for coordination of services. It is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC) room 137. The phone numbers are 702-895-0866 (voice), 702-895-0652 (TDD), and 702-895-0651 (Fax). For additional information please visit: [www.unlv.edu/studentinf/les](http://www.unlv.edu/studentinf/les).

**Required Texts:** In addition to the required texts, there are several *required* articles available via the Lied Library.

Dallaire, Roméo (2003) *Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda*. Carroll & Graf. ISBN: 0-7867-1510-3.

Esping-Andersen, Gosta (1990), Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism (Princeton: Princeton University Press), ISBN # 0-691-09457-8

Forsythe, David P. (2000) *Human Rights in International Relations*. Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 0-5216-2999-3.

Huber, Evelyne, and John D. Stephens (2001), Development and Crisis of the Welfare State (Chicago: University of Chicago Press) ISBN # 0-226-35647-7

Ishay, Michael (2004) *The History of Human Rights*. University of California Press. ISBN: 0-520-23497-9.

Murray, Rachel (2004) *Human Rights in Africa: From the OAU to the African Union*. Cambridge: University Press.

Polanyi, Karl (1944), The Great Transformation (Boston: Beacon Press), ISBN # 0-8070-5643-x

Reuschmeyer, Dietrich, Evelyne Huber Stephens, and John D. Stephens (1992), Capitalist Development and Democracy (Chicago: University of Chicago Press), ISBN # 0-226-73144-8

**Reserve Readings (electronic):** Articles assigned for Professor Strand's section are available via Lied Library using JSTOR, ESCOHOST, ProjectMUse, Academic Search, etc. Professor Kuenzi has designated her reserve readings with an **R** in the list of readings. The web site is: <http://ereserves.library.unlv.edu/eres/default.aspx> All but one of these items is also available via UNLV Library's online resources.

DATE INSTRUCTOR	READINGS
Sept 1 ALL	None (course intro)
Sept 8 Strand	Ishay (chapters 1-4)  S. C. Poe and N. C. Tate (1999) "Repression of Human Rights to Personal Integrity Revisited: A Global Cross-National Study Covering the Years 1976-1993," <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 43, 2: 291-313.  T. Landman (2005) "The Political Science of Human Rights," <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 35: 549-572.  T. Landman "Measuring Human Rights: Principle, Practice, and Policy," <i>Human Rights Quarterly</i> 26, 4: 906-931.
Sept 15 Strand	Forsythe (chapters 1-8)  W. Cole (2005) "Sovereignty relinquished? Explaining Commitment to the International Human Rights Covenants, 1966-1999," <i>American Sociological Review</i> 70,3: 472-495.
Sept 22 Strand	Forsythe (chapter 9); Dallaire ( <i>passim</i> )  P. Jakobsen (1996) "National Interest, Humanitarianism or CNN: What Triggers UN Peace Enforcement after the Cold War?" <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> 33, 2: 205-215.
Sept 29 Strand	Ishay (chapters 5-6)  M. Monshipouri M. and C. Welch (2001) "The Search for International Human Rights and Justice," <i>Human Rights Quarterly</i> 23, 2: 370-401.  <i>The Responsibility to Protect: Report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty</i> <a href="http://web.idrc.ca/es/ev-9436-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html">http://web.idrc.ca/es/ev-9436-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html</a> .
	Writing assignment handed-out (due 10/6 at 2 p.m.)

- Oct 6 Mehrstens                      Polanyi, Karl (1944), The Great Transformation (Boston: Beacon Press), ISBN # 0-8070-5643-x
- Oct 13 Mehrstens                      Esping-Andersen, Gosta (1990), Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism (Princeton: Princeton University Press), ISBN # 0-691-09457-8
- Oct 20 Mehrstens                      Reuschmeyer, Dietrich, Evelyne Huber Stephens, and John D. Stephens (1992), Capitalist Development and Democracy (Chicago: University of Chicago Press), ISBN # 0-226-73144-8
- Oct 27 Mehrstens                      Huber, Evelyne, and John D. Stephens (2001), Development and Crisis of the Welfare State (Chicago: University of Chicago Press) ISBN # 0-226-35647-7
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**The OAU/AU, Human Rights, and Democracy in Africa: Overview and History**

Murray, Chapters 1 - 3

**R:** Human Rights Watch World Report 2003: Africa: Overview (This document can also be accessed at <http://www.hrw.org/wr2k3/africa.html>)

**R:** Amnesty International: Africa

**Conflict, Human Rights and Non-state Actors**

Murray, Chapter 4

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**Conflict, Human Rights and Non-state Actors: Case Studies**

**R:** Cain, K. L. "The Rape of Dinah: Human Rights, Civil War in Liberia, and Evil Triumphant." *Human Rights Quarterly* 21, no. 2 (1999): 265-307

**R:** Van Acker, F. "Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army: The New Order No One Ordered." *African Affairs* 103, no. 412 (2004): 335-57.

**R:** Lemarchand, René, "The Crisis in the Great Lakes." Chapter 14 in *Africa in World Politics: The African State System in Flu*, edited by John W. Harbeson, Donald Rothchild, Westview Press, Boulder, CO 3rd Edition 2000

## **Womens' Rights and Children's Rights**

Murray, Chapters 5 & 6

**R:** Bunting, A. "Stages of Development: Marriage of Girls and Teens as an International Human Rights Issue." *Social & Legal Studies* 14, no. 1 (2005): 17-38.

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## **Cultural Rights versus Human Rights**

**R:** Ibhawoh, B. "Between Culture and Constitution: Evaluating the Cultural Legitimacy Human Rights in the African State." *Human Rights Quarterly* 22, no. 3 (2000): 838-60.

The Case of FGM

**R:** Kalev, H. D. "Cultural Rights or Human Rights: The Case of Female Genital Mutilation." *Sex Roles* 51, no. 5-6 (2004): 339-48.

**R:** Eke, N., and K. E. O. Nkanginieme. "Female Genital Mutilation: A Global Bug That Should Not Cross the Millennium Bridge." *World Journal of Surgery* 23, no. 10 (1999): 1082-87.

**R:** Beckett, C., and M. Macey. "Race, Gender and Sexuality: The Oppression of Multiculturalism." *Womens Studies International Forum* 24, no. 3-4 (2001): 309-19.

**R:** Sala, R., and D. Manara. "Nurses and Requests for Female Genital Mutilation: Cultural Rights Versus Human Rights." *Nursing Ethics* 8, no. 3 (2001): 247-58.

## **The Case of Senegal's Talibés**

Perry, D. L. "Muslim Child Disciples, Global Civil Society, and Children's Rights in Senegal: The Discourses of Strategic Structuralism." *Anthropological Quarterly* 77, no. 1 (2004): 47-86. [This document can be access via the online resources of UNLV's library or you may see my copy.]

Nov 24 NONETHANKSGIVING

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## **Refugees and Human Rights**

Murray, Chapter 7

## **New Initiatives, Development and Human Rights**

Murray, Chapter 8

### **Conclusion**

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