

**International Human Rights Law and Policy Colloquium:
The Rule of Law & Human Rights**

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		2 credit hours

This course will examine the Rule of Law and international human rights through a wide lens. The course begins with a general overview of the Rule of Law in the international context. Following the general overview, the Rule of Law will be examined from different perspectives including the U.S. government, U.S. military, international human rights community, private contractors, and others. Challenges in creating and executing Rule of Law programs will be discussed, as well as ethical and political considerations.

Course Format

Guest lecturers will be invited every other week, beginning in week 2. On the odd weeks, the course will be discussion-based, oriented around the speaker from the previous week.

Requirements

Required Reading:

1. Jane Stromseth, David Wippman, & Rosa Brooks, *Can Might Make Rights? Building the Rule of Law After Military Interventions* (2006) (available at Barnes & Noble).
2. *Rule of Law Handbook: A Practitioner's Guide for Judge Advocates* (2007) (available on Blackboard).
3. See each week for Supplemental Readings

Optional Reading:

1. David Rieff, *A Bed for the Night: Humanitarianism in Crisis* (2002).
2. Kenneth Cain, Heidi Postlewait, & Andrew Thomson, *Emergency Sex and Other Desperate Measures: A True Story From Hell On Earth* (2004).

Throughout the course, students will examine and analyze speakers within the framework of the four main pillars of the Rule of Law: (1) Security, (2) Justice/Reconciliation, (3) Government and Participation, and (4) Social and Economic well-being. Some or all of these areas should be

reflected in the papers. In the first class, students will select a country, which will be the topic of their bi-weekly papers and final recommendation.

Students are expected to (1) submit bi-weekly papers (3-4 pages), due on Sunday evening by email, following a discussion week, (2) submit a final country recommendation (25 pages) due on Sunday, April 27, 2008, and (3) participate weekly in the class. Students' conceptual understandings and knowledge of the Rule of Law, their ability to develop original ideas and engage in critical thinking on the rule of law and international human rights will be assessed through the above three requirements. The course grade will reflect all three components.

Grading

Participation	40%
Bi-Weekly Papers	40%
Final Recommendation	20%

- 1. Bi-Weekly Papers: (6 total)** The Bi-Weekly papers should be an analysis of activities in the student's chosen country based on the weekly speaker's topic lecture and the following discussion. Although the papers should critique the existing situation, they should also be creative in positing solutions to the problems in implementing Rule of Law Programs. (2-3 pages maximum).
- 2. Final Recommendation:** The students' final country recommendations should include all of the bi-weekly reports combined into a final overview of the country's rule of law program. However, the main component of the final recommendation will be a proposal on a strategy to take or course of action in the country for a future Rule of Law program. (25 pages maximum).
- 3. Discussion:** Students are responsible for all course readings prior to class and to actively and constructively participate in the discussions.

**After the course is finished, students are encouraged to submit papers to the DePaul Rule of Law Journal, details of which will be distributed in class.

Papers

All papers should be double-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins.

Papers are due on Sunday evenings at 10pm.

Week 7: February 24 Discussion

Bi-Weekly Paper 4 Due: Sunday, March 1, 10pm

**Week 8: March 3 The UN and International Inter-Agency Coordination
Jacques Klein
Under Secretary General of the United Nations (Ret.)**

Readings: - Rule of Law Handbook, Ch. III (Key Players in the Rule of Law)
at 21

Week 9: March 10 Discussion

Bi-Weekly Paper 5 Due: Sunday, March 15, 10pm- The Role of International and Governmental Organizations in Your Country's Rule of Law Program

**Week 10: March 17 The Role of Human Rights Organizations
Heba Morayef
Human Rights Watch, Middle East & North Africa**

Readings: Stromseth, Wippman, & Brooks, Ch. 7 (Accountability for Atrocities)

Week 11: NO CLASS- SPRING BREAK

Week 12: March 31 Topic TBA

Readings: TBA

Week 13: April 7 Discussion

Bi-Weekly Paper 6 Due: Sunday, April 12, 10pm

**Note that this paper covers the two speakers on March 17 and March 31
NGOs/Human Rights Organizations- What type of work they are doing in your country,
obstacles to their work.

Week 14: April 14 Topic TBA

Readings: -Stromseth, Wippman & Brooks, Chs. 8-9 (Creating Rule of Law
Cultures; Enhancing Rule of Law Efforts)
-Rule of Law Handbook, Ch. VI (Planning for ROL Operations) at 109-
40.

Week 15: April 21 Discussion & Final Wrap-up

Week 16: FINAL RECOMMENDATION DUE- Thursday, April 30- 5pm