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### **International Human Rights Law**

Dates: November 29, & December 6 - 8 &  
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**Faculty:** The module is jointly presented by **George Ulrich**, Professor at RGSL (Denmark) and **Arina Melse**, PhD, Visiting Docent at RGSL (Latvia). George is well known to the legal community in Latvia as former RGSL Rector (2009-2016). Before joining RGSL George was



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**About the course:** The course provides an overview of international and European human rights regimes, including the main standards and protection mechanisms. The course is structured in two parts. The first part introduces UN human rights system and examines the two Covenants and mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights. It discusses in detail selected economic, social and cultural rights, such as the right to health, as well as civil and political rights, such as freedom of expression. The second part provides a comprehensive examination of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and its jurisprudence.

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