

HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

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G. Journals in the field of human rights law (in English)

AHRLJ	African Human Rights Law Journal, since 2000
APJHRL	Asia-Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law, since 2000
BHRJ	Business and Human Rights Journal, since 2016
EHRLR	European Human Rights Law Review, since 1979
HHRJ	Harvard Human Rights Journal, since 1988
HRLJ	Human Rights Law Journal, since 1980
HRLR	Human Rights Law Review, since 2001
HRQ	Human Rights Quarterly, since 1979
HRR	Human Rights Review, since 1999
IHRLR	International Human Rights Law Review, since 2012
IJHR	The International Journal of Human Rights, since 1997
JSEADR	Journal of Southeast Asian Human Rights, https://jurnal.unej.ac.id/index.php/JSEADR/index , since 2017 [published in ID]

Contributions on international human rights law can also be found in the journals on public international law.

H. Internet sources in the field of human rights law

There are many internet sources which allow an easy orientation and a quick access to international human rights law. See the links on the special website for this course. See in particular the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (www.ohchr.org). There you find introductory information and the text of the most important human rights treaties (www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CoreInstruments.aspx) and of other human rights treaties and soft law ([/Pages/UniversalHumanRightsInstruments.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/UniversalHumanRightsInstruments.aspx)). The same applies for the website Human Rights Library of the University of Minnesota (www1.umn.edu/humanrts/index.html). The text of the European human rights treaties is available on the website of the Council of Europe (www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/search-on-treaties/-/conventions/treaty/results/subject/44), the text of the American human rights treaties at the website of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (www.oas.org/en/iachr/mandate/basic_documents.asp). African human rights treaties are published by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (www.achpr.org/instruments).

Make sure that you use only websites with reliable, thorough legal information for your legal research!

H. Note on the reliability of legal literature in the field of international human rights law

Keep your critical distance when dealing with legal literature on international human rights law. Some authors tend to confound law and legal politics. Some may even present their own wishful thinking as prevailing law. This applies in particular to publications in German language. Furthermore, not all authors distinguish adequately between the international human rights treaties (which represent an important part of public international law) and the so-called "soft law" (political resolutions of international organisations or summits, which are *not* a source of law and therefore not binding the states directly). For example, caution should be exercised if the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 (a resolution of the UN General Assembly) is presented as directly binding law or if typical Western concepts of human rights are presented in details as legally binding. In human rights law as in other fields of law, successful, sustainable work depends decisively on a methodologically sound approach.

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