

## Bibliography (selection in English)

### A. Textbooks

#### *I. Textbooks on global human rights law*

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| Alston, Philip<br>Goodman, Ryan  | International Human Rights, 2012  |
| Bantekas, Ilias<br>Oette, Lutz   | International Human Rights Law and Practice, 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition 2020                     |
| Buerghenthal, Thomas<br>Shelton, Dinah<br>Stewart, David<br>Vazquez, Carlos          | International Human Rights in a Nutshell, 5 <sup>th</sup> edition 2017                        |
| Davis, Howard  | Human Rights Law, 4 <sup>th</sup> edition 2016  |
| Donelly, Jack<br>Whelan, Daniel J.   | International Human Rights, 6 <sup>th</sup> edition 2020                                      |
| Kälin, Walter<br>Künzli, Jörg  | The Law of International Human Rights Protection, 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition 2019                |
| Moeckli, Daniel<br>Shah, Sangeeta<br>Sivakumaran, Sandesh<br>Harris, David (editors) | International Human Rights Law, 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition 2018                                  |
| Shelton, Dinah   | Advanced Introduction to International Human Rights Law, 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition 2020         |
| Schutter, Olivier de   | International Human Rights Law. Cases, Materials and Commentary, 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition 2019 |
| Smith, Rhona K. M.   | International Human Rights Law, 9 <sup>th</sup> edition 2020                                  |
- See also the chapters on international human rights law in the general textbooks on international public law.

#### *II. Textbooks on geo-regional human rights law*

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| Antkowiak, Thomas<br>Gonza, Alejandra  | The American Convention on Human Rights. Essential Rights, 2017   |
| Bond, Martyn   | An Introduction to the European Convention, 2018, <a href="https://book.coe.int/usd/en/human-rights-and-democracy/7694-an-introduction-to-the-european-convention-on-human-rights.html">https://book.coe.int/usd/en/human-rights-and-democracy/7694-an-introduction-to-the-european-convention-on-human-rights.html</a> |
| Dijk, Pieter van<br>Hoof, Fried van<br>Rijn, Arjen van<br>Zwaak, Leo (editors) | Theory and Practice of the European Convention on Human Rights, 5 <sup>th</sup> edition 2018  |
| Gerard, Janneke  | General Principles of the European Convention on Human Rights, 2019   |
| Harris, David<br>O'Boyle, Michael<br>Bates, Ed<br>Buckley, Carla               | Law of the European Convention on Human Rights, 4 <sup>th</sup> edition 2018  |
| Medina, Cecilia  | The Inter-American Convention on Human Rights, 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition 2016   |

- Rainey, Bernadette,  
McCormick, Pamela  
Ovey, Clare  
Viljoe, Frans
- Jacobs, White, and Ovey: *The European Convention on Human Rights*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition 2021
- International Human Rights Law in Africa*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2012

**B. Commentaries** (article-by-article presentation)

- Alen, A.  
Vande Lanotte, J.  
and others (editors)
- Alfredsson, Gudmundur  
Eide, Asbjorn (editors)
- Bantekas, Ilias  
Stein, Michael Ashley  
Anastasiou, Dimitris (editors)
- Burgogue-Larsen, Laurence  
Torres, Amaya A. Ubeda de
- Freeman, Marsha A.  
Chinkin, Christine  
Rudolf, Beate (editors)
- Grabenwarter, Christoph
- Hennebel, Ludovic  
Tigroudja, H el ene
- Joseph, Sarah  
Castan, Melissa
- Murray, Rachel
- Nowak, Manfred  
Birk, Moritz  
Monina, Giuliana (editors)
- Saul, Ben  
Kinley, David  
Mowbray, Jaqueline
- Schabas, William
- Simma, Bruno  
Khan, Daniel-Erasmus  
Nolte, Georg  
Paulus, Andreas (editors)
- Taylor, Paul M.
- Tobin, John (editor)
- A Commentary on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, 2006 ff. [the commentaries on the individual articles of the Convention are published in separate volumes]
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. A Common Standard of Achievement*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2013
- The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*, 2018
- The Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Case-Law and Commentary*, 2011
- The UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. A Commentary*, 2012
- European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. Commentary*, 2014
- The American Convention on Human Rights. A Critical Commentary*, 2021 [coming soon]
- The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Cases, Materials and Commentary*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 2013
- The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. A Commentary*, 2019
- The United Nations Convention Against Torture. A Commentary*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2019
- The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Commentary, Cases, and Materials*, 2014
- The European Convention on Human Rights. A Commentary*, 2017
- The Charter of the United Nations. A Commentary*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 2013
- A Commentary on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The UN Human Rights Committee's Monitoring of ICCPR Rights*, 2020
- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. A Commentary*, 2019

**C. Works of reference, encyclopaedias and handbooks** (for legal practitioners and scientific research)

- Duyck, S ebastien (editor)
- K alin, Walter  
Schnegg, Brigitte
- Sheeran, Scott  
Rodley, Nigel (editors)
- Shelton, Dinah (editor)
- Vandenhoe, Wouter  
Desmet, Ellen
- Routledge Handbook of Human Rights and Climate Governance*, 2020
- Women's Human Rights' App (W'sHR App)*, last updated 2021 [Android app, free download in the Google Play Store]
- Routledge Handbook of International Human Rights Law*, 2013
- The Oxford Handbook of International Human Rights Law*, 2013
- Routledge International Handbook of Children's Rights, Studies* 2017

Reynaert, Didier  
Lembrechts, Sara (editors)  
Vega, Connie de la                      Dictionary of International Human Rights Law, 2013

#### **D. Law reports and casebooks**

Website of the ECtHR                      [www.echr.coe.int](http://www.echr.coe.int) (decisions in English and French)  
Website of the IACtHR                      [www.corteidh.or.cr](http://www.corteidh.or.cr) (decisions in Spanish and English)  
Website of the ACtHPR                      [www.african-court.org](http://www.african-court.org) (decisions in English, French, Portuguese and Arabic)  
Attoh, Nonso (editor)                      Reported Cases of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (RCACtHPR) [different parts with cases from 2009 - 2015], 2017  
Conte, Alex  
Burchill, Richard                      Defining Civil and Political Rights. The Jurisprudence of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2009 (note, however, that the Human Rights Committee is not a court and therefore its views do not represent jurisprudence)  
European Court of Human Rights (editor)                      Overview of the Case-Law of the European Court of Human Rights, 2009 ff. (annual overview), [www.echr.coe.int/Pages/home.aspx?p=caselaw/analysis/overview](http://www.echr.coe.int/Pages/home.aspx?p=caselaw/analysis/overview)  
Maringele, Sarah                      European Human Rights Law. The work of the European Court of Human Rights illustrated by an assortment of selected cases, 2014

#### **E. Compendiums of laws** (easy access to treaties and legislation)

Bisset, Alison (editor)                      Blackstone's International Human Rights Documents, 12<sup>th</sup> edition 2020  
Khaliq, Urfan (editor)                      International Human Rights Law Documents, 2018  
Office of the UNHCHR (editor)                      Core International Instruments, [www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CoreInstruments.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CoreInstruments.aspx) (human rights treaties); see also Universal Human Rights Instruments, [/Pages/UniversalHumanRightsInstruments.aspx](http://Pages/UniversalHumanRightsInstruments.aspx) (treaties and soft law)  
University of Minnesota (editor)                      Human Rights Library. Human Rights Treaties and Other Instruments, [www1.umn.edu/humanrts/treaties.htm](http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/treaties.htm)

#### **F. Journals in the field of international 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  
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  
JSEAHR                      Journal of Southeast Asian Human Rights, <https://jurnal.unej.ac.id/index.php/JSEAHR/index>, since 2017 [published in ID]

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

## **G. 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/mandate/basic_documents.asp)). African human rights treaties are published by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (<https://www.achpr.org/resources>).

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. 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). In human rights law as in other fields of law, successful, sustainable work depends decisively on a methodologically sound approach.

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