

Welcome to the course *Thematic Specialization I, 7.5 credits*

We are delighted that you have chosen to study at our division and want to welcome you to the course. Your theme for this semester will be **Human Rights in Practice**. With this letter you'll find information about us, introduction, registration and more.

The introduction meeting will be **January 19, 10.15am at RWI Melander meeting room, 1st floor**. The schedule will be published December 18, and you will find the full schedule as well as literature by following the link <https://www.ht.lu.se/en/course/MRSN02/>

Web registration

In order to register in the course, you need to web register. You'll find information on our website <https://www.mrs.lu.se/en/education/student-information/web-registration> Web registration opens one week prior course start. If you change your mind, you can cancel your place in the course through [antagning.se](https://www.mrs.lu.se/en/education/student-information/web-registration).

Canvas

We use the web-based study portal Canvas. Here you will find specific readings for lectures/seminars and more, you will get access one week before course start. Log in using your student account. Link to log in here <https://www.mrs.lu.se/en/education/student-information/canvas>

The division of Human Rights Studies is based in **LUX building** in Lund. The building has a library, reception, student facilities and a café. LUX has plenty of study places in the library, and on each floor in house A and B. Students can also book meeting rooms via the reception. In building B, floor 0 you find the student kitchenette with microwave ovens for your lunch. To find out more about the building visit <https://www.ht.lu.se/en/the-faculties/our-buildings/lux/>



Division of Human Rights Studies

Human Rights Studies was founded in 2003 by a handful of lecturers from different disciplines, all specialised in human rights. We started on a small scale with a few free-standing courses and developed to a division offering a multidisciplinary bachelor programme with 130 students, a two-year master's programme and, as the only division and university in Sweden, we offer a multidisciplinary doctoral (4 years) program in the field.

Our research environment studies human rights from historical, philosophical, ethical, political, anthropological and legal perspectives. We have a particular interest in human rights in society, the role human rights play in democratic and non-democratic political systems, and what in truth it entails for institutions to respect and promote human rights.

Recently Lund University presented five research profile areas aiming to improve people's living conditions and contribute to solutions for global societal challenges. Human Rights Studies is part of one of these areas "Human Rights in a Polarised World". If you want to learn more about this area visit <https://www.humanrights.lu.se/>

Programme coordinator



Kristina "Tina" Robertsson, programme coordinator

I'm Tina the programme coordinator. Starting to work at Lund University in 2005, I've administrated education on all levels and can provide a lot of help in different ways. Working closely with the rest of our staff and students, I am confident that we can give you, not only solid academic knowledge but a great experience of our division, the university and Lund as a city. I'm available at LUX, room A210. Don't hesitate to email me should you have any questions. Email:

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Libraries

Lund University has one of Sweden's oldest and largest research library network, with more than 30 libraries across campus. In addition, the electronic library collection includes more than 15 000 e-journals, 500 databases and many e-books, dictionaries and encyclopaedia's - a gold-mine for students and researchers. The University Library (UB) is perhaps the most exceptional. Founded in 1666 and only a few feet away from LUX.

LUX also has its own library and, together with the libraries at the Centre for Language and Literature (SOL) and the Asia library, they belong to the joint faculties of Humanities and Theology. LUX library provide subject centred support for student, researchers and teachers at the faculties. Here you can borrow books, copy, print and scan, get advice on academic writing and reference management, you'll find reading and group rooms, can get help to search for books and articles and much more. Human Rights Studies has a subject librarian responsible for our subject. Learn more at <https://libguides.lub.lu.se/c.php?g=674085>

Student rights

At a Swedish University students have both rights and responsibilities. Student rights may involve things such as student participation and influence; students' work environment, how to conduct exams and degree projects and much more. Your rights and responsibilities as a student towards the University and your department are governed by university policies and national laws and regulations. Learn more at

<https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/current-students/academic-matters-and-support/student-rights-and-guidelines>

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