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1. COURSE SUBJECT	SOCI/HRTS
2. COURSE NUMBER (OR PROPOSED NUMBER)	3XXY W
3. COURSE TITLE	Sociology of Global Human Rights
4. INITIATING DEPARTMENT or UNIT	HRTS
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12. Departmental Approval Date	10/20/2010
13. School/College Approval Date	12/14/2010
14. Names and Dates of additional Department and School/College approvals	SOCI, 12/01/2010
15. Proposed Implementation Date	Term: Spring, Year: 2012
16. Offered before next printed catalog is distributed?	No
17. General Education Content Area	
18. General Education Skill Code (W/Q). Any non-W section?	W Yes
19. Terms Offered	Semester: Fall Spring Year: Every_Year
20. Sections	Sections Taught: 1
21. Student Number	Students/Sections: 1/19
22. Clarification:	
23. Number of Credits	3 if VAR Min: Max: credits each term
24. INSTRUCTIONAL PATTERN	
Three class periods/week.	

25. Will this course be taught in a language other than English?	No If yes, then name the language:
26. Please list any prerequisites, recommended preparation or suggested preparation: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 3800	
27. Is Instructor, Dept. Head or Unit Consent Required?	No
28. Permissions and Exclusions:	
29. Is this course repeatable for credit?	No If yes, total credits allowed: Allow multiple enrollments in same term?
30. Grading Basis	Graded
31. If satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading is proposed, please provide rationale :	
32. Will the course or any sections of the course be taught as Honors? AsHonors	
33. Additional Details:	
34. Special Attributes:	
35. REGIONAL CAMPUS AVAILABILITY: Not generally available at regional campuses since HRTS is a Storrs-only major.	
36. PROVIDE THE PROPOSED TITLE AND COMPLETE CATALOG COPY: SOCI 3XXY/HRTS 3XXY W. Sociology of Global Human Rights Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 3800. Comparative approach to the study of human rights in the United States and elsewhere around the world from a sociological perspective.	
37. RATIONALE FOR ACTION REQUESTED This course will be a core course in the new Human Rights major. Human rights are an increasingly central in sociology and this course offers a comparative perspective to complement the current domestic focus of human rights courses offerings in the sociology department. The class contributes to the human rights a comparative sociological perspective. The goal of the class is to provide a survey of the key struggles and intellectual debates on human rights in sociology. Students will begin by discussing human rights in general and how human rights may relate to social problems. How are human rights understood globally? How do they differ from other forms of social action? To what aims are they relevant and useful? In what situations they are less relevant? What support or opposition for human rights exists among different social groups in different settings? Students will also explore in more depth human rights issues in the areas of social and economic rights, women's rights and migration rights. By comparing U.S. cases to cases in Africa, Asia and elsewhere, students will gain a global perspective on the issues. By taking a sociological perspective on the issues of global human	

rights, students will learn to apply sociological concepts relating to social problems, social movements, intersecting inequalities, and social construction of meaning to the area of human rights.

38. SYLLABUS:

Online URL: (https://web2.uconn.edu/senateform/request/course_uploads/rph02002-1295990607-SOCI:HRTS 3XXY W Sociology of Global Human Rights.docx)

39. Course Information: ALL General Education courses, including W and Q courses, MUST answer this question

This course provides a survey of key struggles and intellectual debates around human rights in Sociology. Taught in comparative perspective, the course focuses on human rights issues relating to social needs, equality and economic security, gender equality, citizenship, statelessness, and migration.

40. Goals of General Education: All Courses Proposed for a Gen Ed Content Area MUST answer this question

41. Content Area and/or Competency Criteria: ALL General Education courses, including W and Q courses, MUST answer this question.: Specific Criteria

- a. **Arts and Humanities:**
- b. **Social Sciences:**
- c. **Science and Technology:**
 - i. **Laboratory:**
- d. **Diversity and Multiculturalism:**
 - 43. **International:**
- e. **Q course:**
- f. **W course:**

f. Students will write several short papers in successive drafts. Substantial class time will be devoted to discussion and training aimed at developing writing skills.

42. RESOURCES:

Does the department/school/program currently have resources to offer the course as proposed
YES

If NO, please explain why and what resources are required to offer the course.

43. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ADMIN COMMENT:

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SOCI/HRTS 3XXY W: Sociology of Global Human Rights

The goal of the class is to provide a survey of the key struggles and intellectual debates around human rights in sociology. We begin with an overview of human rights: What renders a social problem solvable by human rights? To what aims are they relevant and useful? In what situations they are less relevant? How are human rights understood globally? What support or opposition for human rights exists among different social groups in different settings? Then, armed with the general insights we have developed in exploring these question, we will tackle in depth human rights issues relating to social needs, equality and economic security, gender equality, citizenship, statelessness, and migration.

Part 1: Introduction

Approaches to social problems: What makes a problem solvable by human rights strategies? Political process approaches to social problems and human rights approaches to social problems

Wiktór Osiatynski. "Rights and Needs" in *Human Rights and Their Limits*. 2009.

Bryan Turner. *Vulnerability and Human Rights* (selections)

How are human rights understood globally? The cultural relativism critique and local uses of global human rights norms

Original texts: Universal Declaration of Human Rights, African Charter on Human and People's Rights

"Cultural relativism and universal human rights" J Donnelly - *Human Rights Quarterly*, 1984.

Human Rights: A Political and Cultural Critique (selections), Makau W. Mutua, 2002

Human Rights and Asian Values (selections), Amartya Sen, 1997

How are human rights enforced?

Making Rights Real: Activists, Bureaucrats and the Creation of the Legalistic State (selections). Charles Epp. 2009.

Emilie Hafner-Burton and Kiyoteru Tsutsui (2005), "Human rights in a globalizing world: The paradox of empty promises." *American Journal of Sociology* 110:1373-1411.

Judith Blau and Alberto Moncada (2007), "It ought to be a crime: Criminalizing human rights violations" in *Sociological Forum* 22(3):364-384.

William T. Armaline and Davita Silfen Glasberg (2009), "What will states really do for us? The human rights enterprise and pressure from below." *Societies Without Borders* 4: 430-451.

Part 2: Social needs, equality and economic security

Development as Freedom (selection on measuring poverty and the impact of poverty or equivalent), Amartya Sen, 1999

(US) Neubeck, Kenneth. 2006. *When Welfare Disappears: The Case for Economic Human Rights* (selections). Roosevelt, Franklin (1941) "Four Freedoms"

(India) Ela Bhatt (2006) *We are Poor, But So Many*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. (selection of two or three cases).

(Africa) "The Full-Belly Thesis: Should Economic Rights Take Priority Over Civil and Political Rights? Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa" R Howard *Human Rights Quarterly*, 1983. B. Sadasivam. 1997. "The Impact of Structural Adjustment on Women: A Governance and Human Rights Agenda," in *Human Rights Quarterly*. 19(3).

Part 3: Gender equality

"Unlikely Godmother: The UN and the Global Women's Movement." Margaret Snyder. In *Global Feminisms: Transnational women's activism, organizing and human rights*.

Political participation

(US) "How movements win: Gendered opportunity structures and US women's suffrage movements, 1866 to 1919." McCammon et al. *American Sociological Review*. 2001. "Ain't I a Woman?" Sojourner Truth. 1851 Women's Convention, Akron, Ohio. *Why We Lost the ERA*. Jane Mansbridge.

(Africa) Shirin Hassim (2006). *Women's Organizations and Democracy in South Africa: Contesting Authority*. Durban, South Africa: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press. chapters: Autonomy, Engagement and Democratic consolidation (pp. 246-265) & The Women's Charter for Effective Equality (pp. 269-277). *African Women's Movements: Transforming Political Landscapes*. Aili Mari Tripp, Isabel Casimiro, Joy Kwesiga, and Alice Mungwa (Chapter on Women's movements and constitutional and legislative challenges)

(India) "Gender and Nationalism: the masculinization of Hinduism and female political participation in India" *Women's Studies International Forum*, S. Banerjee. 2003.

Violence against women

Engle Merry, Sherry. 2006. *Human Rights and Gender Violence: Translating International Law into Local Justice*. Chicago University Press. (selections)

(India) SAHDC (South Asia Human Rights Documentation Center) 2006) *Introducing Human Rights*. (pp154-192 chapters on gender and human rights). & *Poster Women*. (The Women's Movement Through Posters" New Delhi: Zubaan Books.

Women and Islam

"Turkey's modern paradoxes" Erturk, Yakin. 2007. in Ferree/Tripp.

"Women, Muslim Laws and Human Rights in Nigeria." Keynote by Dr Ayesha Imam, moderated by Dr Mary Osirim. Occasional Papers, Woodrow Wilson Center & other occasional readings from website: *Women Living Under Muslim Laws*.

Part 4: Citizenship, statelessness, and migration

Genealogies of Citizenship: Markets, Statelessness, and the Right to Have Rights. Margaret Somers (selections). 2008.

Refugees and Humanitarianism

Genealogies of Citizenship: Markets, Statelessness, and the Right to Have Rights. Margaret Somers (selections). 2008.

Calculated Kindness: Refugees and America's Half-Open Door (selections). Gil Loescher

Imposing Aid (selections). Barbara Harrell-Bond.

A Bed for the Night (selections). David Rieff.

Economic Migrants and Undocumented Migration:

Chapters from Glasberg, Davita, Purkayastha, Bandana and Armaline, William. In *Our Own Backyard*, (University of Pennsylvania Press, manuscript in press).

"Human rights, state sovereignty and the protection of undocumented migrants under the international migrant workers convention." *International Migration Review*, LS Bosniak. 1991.

Part 5: Conclusions

Gideon Sjoberg, Elizabeth A. Gill, and Norma Williams (2001), "A sociology of human rights." *Social Problems*, 48(1):11-47.