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Course Description

Human Rights and Education (7,5 ECTS)

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General Introduction

The course deals with tensions between citizenship education and human rights education in international and national contexts. Furthermore, universalism and cultural relativism are studied from historical as well as contemporary perspectives on human rights and education. The role of education for democracy and human rights are analyzed through international comparisons of theories, policies and practices.

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University Account and Athena

For information on how to activate your university student account, please visit:

<https://www.su.se/english/education/a-smooth-start/get-access-to-it-services-your-university-account-and-order-a-university-card>

Athena is a web-based learning and collaboration platform for courses at Stockholm University. You must have activated your student account and be registered for the course to have access to the Athena course page. The Athena page for this course will be made available to students registered for the course, no later than one week before the course begins. If you have difficulty accessing the Athena page for this course, please check first that you are registered for the course. Then contact the course administrator. The link to Athena is <https://athena.su.se/>

Course Structure and Content

The course combines lectures, discussions and group work to achieve the learning outcomes. Lectures are structured around the main readings and students are therefore expected to contribute actively to the discussions based on reflections from



reading the assigned literature for each session. It is highly recommended that students write down questions and reflections on the course literature to bring to each session as a basis for discussion.

The course deals with both theory, policy and practice of Human Rights and Education. It is advised that students in addition to reading the course literature explore educational policy on both national and regional levels during the course. What kind of policy and curricula on human rights can you find in a selected country of interest? Can you find policy reports and teaching material from international and local NGOs, and how do these differ from national or regional documents on human rights and education? The course literature offers critical perspectives on Human Rights Education that can inform reflections on the need for development of policy and practice in the field. Listed international journals in course literature list are advisable for students to browse when searching earlier research on topic of interest for course paper assignment.

Learning Objectives

To pass the course the student should be able to:

- account for political, social and philosophical theory that address human rights and education,
- compare diverse educational contexts based on different perspectives on human rights,
- critically analyze education policy and practice on democracy and human rights.

Examination and Grading

Each course participant shall submit a course paper assignment that shows her/his abilities and capacities in critically examining theory on human rights and education in relation to policy and practice.

A student could be given permission to submit a course paper after the deadline for submission if a request with a legitimate reason has been communicated in writing to the course leader before the deadline. The course leader will respond to such requests in writing and accept them when the reasons given for the delay are reasonable.

Attendance



Students must attend at least 80% of all compulsory course sessions and students who have been absent more than 40% of the compulsory course sessions have to re-take the course.

Examination Dates

Course paper instructions will be provided during the first lecture. Detailed instructions of the course paper assignment will also be provided on Athena.

Course paper deadline

The course paper submission date is **Monday, September 26th 2024, 4pm**. The paper is submitted in the 'Course assignment' folder on Athena. Please save the document as your Surname, First Name.

Second Examination

Students who do not submit a course paper on September 26th 2024, who fail to submit their course paper by the due date, or receive an unsatisfactory mark in the course examination can submit an assignment during the second examination. The second examination will contain a new topic and new task.

Second Examination Dates

Assignment task will be posted on Athena on Monday, November 6th 2024. The submission date is **November 20th, 4pm**. The paper is submitted in the 'Course Assignment' folder Athena under "Second Examination". Please save the document as your Surname, First Name.

Third Examination

Students who do not submit a course paper on November 20th, 2024, who fail to submit their course paper by the due date, or receive an unsatisfactory mark in the course examination can submit an assignment during the third examination. The third examination will contain a new topic and new task.

Third Examination Dates:

Assignment task will be posted on Athena on January 8th, 2025. The submission date is **January 29th, 2025 4pm**. The paper is submitted in the 'Assignment' folder on Athena under "Third Examination". Please save the document as your Surname, First Name.



Plagiarism

It is permissible to cite other sources, but both direct quotes and indirect references to a text must always be provided with correct and complete referencing to the original source. Copying or writing a shorter or longer paragraph and stating yourself as the author of the text is prohibited. This is considered plagiarism. You may also not copy your own texts that have been used in other examinations, as this is considered self-plagiarism.

An example of plagiarism is copying text verbatim or almost verbatim (this includes parts of a text and/or individual sentences) and not indicating where the text originates from. Plagiarism is also when you use another person's text and make it appear that it is your own. For example, text found in the course literature and /or texts that you have found online, or another student's course paper. Plagiarism is regarded as a crime, not only against the established research ethics code, but also against upholding general regard towards one's own and others' texts. Plagiarism is unauthorized cheating and is always subject to disciplinary reporting, which can lead to suspension. At Stockholm University, texts are checked against a database.

Cheating

As a student at Stockholm University, you are responsible for your own education. Using AI such as CHATgpt and letting it write parts of your work is prohibited. All course papers are expected to be student's independent work. Any use of AI tools need to be transparently described. Part of your responsibility includes knowing the rules that exist for study, examination and being on the university premises, and utilizing resources. According to the rules that apply to the university, disciplinary measures may be taken against students for:

- using unauthorized means, or otherwise attempt to, mislead an exam or when student performance is assessed otherwise;
- interfering with or obstruction teaching, tests or other activities within the framework of education.

Disciplinary matters are dealt with by the Stockholm University Disciplinary Board. The penalty may be a warning or suspension for a period of 1-6 months. Information on Stockholm University rules for examination and disciplinary cases can be found on Stockholm University's website www.su.se/regulations. Teachers are required to report a suspected suspicion of cheating to the director of studies.

Grading Criteria

Grading Scale	
A.	The course paper demonstrates that all the learning outcomes of the course have been fulfilled in an excellent way. The student shows an excellent ability to describe, analyse and discuss the content of the course in an independent and reflective way. The text contains several references to the course literature and to other relevant texts that are well chosen to fit the context. The text is well structured, without any formal mistakes and with a language that signifies clarity and an effort to elaborate the text. The text should not be shorter or longer than the range prescribed in the course assignment. A course paper that is shorter or longer than the prescribed range will be affected in the grading.
B.	The course paper demonstrates that all the learning outcomes of the course have been fulfilled in a very good way. The student shows a very good ability to describe, analyse and discuss the content of the course in an independent and reflective way. The text contains several references to the course literature and to other relevant texts that are well chosen to fit the context. The text is well structured, without formal mistakes and with a language use that signifies clarity and an effort to elaborate the text. A course paper that is shorter or longer than the prescribed range will be affected in the grading.
C.	The course paper demonstrates that all the learning outcomes of the course have been fulfilled in a good way. The student shows good ability to describe, analyse and discuss the content of the course without major shortcomings. The text refers in a relevant way to the course literature and to other appropriate texts. The text is well structured, without any major formal mistakes and with a good language use. A course paper that is shorter or longer than the prescribed range will be affected in the grading.
D.	The course paper demonstrates that all the learning outcomes of the course have been fulfilled in a satisfactory way. The student shows that he/she has achieved knowledge and understanding of the course content and ability to discuss this in an independent way. The text refers to the course literature. The text is structured in a satisfactory way, without any major formal mistakes and in an acceptable language. A course paper that is shorter or longer than the prescribed range will be affected in the grading.
E.	The course paper demonstrates that the learning outcomes of the course have been fulfilled in a sufficient way. The student shows that he/she has achieved an acceptable knowledge and understanding of the course content, but with a limited ability to discuss this in an independent way. The text connects to the course literature. The text is structured in an acceptable way, without any serious formal mistakes and in an acceptable language. A course paper that is shorter or longer than the prescribed range will be affected in the grading.

Fx.	The course paper demonstrates that the required learning outcomes have not been fulfilled. Possible shortcomings could be: that the course literature is not covered in a sufficient way, analyses and discussions in the text are not convincing, the text is too close to the course literature, there is no link between own observations and the course literature / the content of the course, the text is difficult to understand due to inadequate language use, the disposition of the text makes it difficult to follow the text, references are incorrect or missing and/or the paper is much shorter or much longer than the prescribed length. A revision of the paper is needed.
F.	The course paper demonstrates that the required learning outcomes have not been fulfilled. Possible shortcomings could be those mentioned under F(x), but are so serious that they cannot be amended in a revision of the text. The course participant has to do a new course assignment that will be given by the course leader.

Course Evaluation

The course is evaluated through an online survey which will be made available at the end of the course.

Course Literature

The current course literature is made available on the course page no later than two months before the course begins.

Support during your studies

At Stockholm University, it is possible to receive extra support in addition to regular teaching.

Academic Writing Service

The Academic Writing Service provides English-language support for writing and study skills. They give talks and seminars and offer individual guidance. Their services are available free of charge to all students at Stockholm University. For more information visit:

<https://www.su.se/english/education/student-support/academic-writing-service>

Studying with a disability



If you have a documented disability, e.g. dyslexia, you have the opportunity to receive special pedagogical support. Examples of support initiatives may be note-taking, audio books, extended exam time or sign language interpretation. You must apply for special pedagogical support from Student Support Office at Stockholm University

<https://www.su.se/english/education/student-support/studying-with-a-disability>

Once the application has been received, a coordinator will contact you to arrange a personal meeting. After speaking to the coordinator, you will receive a certificate describing types of support to be offered to you.

It is the responsibility of the student to contact the student counselors at the Department of Education before a course begins in order to arrange for support. Their email address is studievagledare@edu.su.se. The student counselors will then contact the course leaders with regards to the type of support the student will need.