



Human Rights

University of Connecticut

July 7 – July 19, 2013



The 2013 U21 Summer School at the University of Connecticut will offer participating students and staff members the opportunity to think critically about the place of human rights in our world at the beginning of the 21st century. Guided and encouraged by leading human rights scholars from around the world, students will attend lectures, participate in discussions, and conduct archival research on the origins and issues of the contemporary human rights system. This Summer School will include fieldtrips to the United Nations Headquarters and major human rights NGO offices in New York City, and hands-on experiences with local human rights agencies and activists in Connecticut. Participants will also attend a specially produced theatrical performance designed to challenge their thinking about the ethics and aesthetics of human rights. Students will complete the Summer School by developing and presenting collaborative projects based on their experiences.

Participants will depart the 2013 U21 Summer School having examined some of the key issues and controversies in contemporary human rights scholarship. Their interactions with activists and officials at both the global and local levels will give participants a sense of the opportunities and obstacles faced by those pursuing human rights goals. And finally, through their experiences working to understand, interpret, and present the particular issues that matter to them, students will leave prepared to continue their engagement with human rights approaches in their home countries and institutions.

About the University of Connecticut's Human Rights Program

In 2001, the University of Connecticut designated human rights as a university priority, and this was the culmination of a number of initiatives in human rights in a variety of different centers across the University. Presently, UConn's human rights program is coordinated by the Human Rights Institute, founded in 2003 by Gladstein Professor of Human Rights Richard A. Wilson. The Institute offers a Graduate Certificate of Human Rights and an interdisciplinary Human Rights Minor, and an undergraduate Human Rights Major will be available as of 2012.

Each year, the Institute hosts the Marsha Lilien Gladstein Visiting Professor of Human Rights which brings leading human rights scholars to campus for one semester per year to teach and give a public lecture. The Human Rights Institute coordinates interdisciplinary research, teaching and outreach activities across the units of the University, including in the humanities, fine arts, social sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Science and in the School of Social Work, the School of Law, the Health Center and the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center.



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- Host: University of Connecticut
- Location: Storrs, CT, USA
- Topic: Human Rights
- Program dates: July 7, 2013 (arrival) – July 19, 2013 (departure)
- Working language: English
- Costs:

Registration fee: USD 945 /participant, not including airfare, visa costs and health insurance. An additional charge applies to students who choose single-room accommodation.
- Nomination Process:

Each Universitas 21 partner university is invited to nominate **five undergraduate students** and **two faculty/ staff** members to participate in this event.

Please send your nominations to raluca.nahorniac@uconn.edu by **March 31, 2013**.
- Important Dates:
 - ◆ Nominations deadline: March 31, 2013
 - ◆ Registration deadline: April 15, 2013
 - ◆ Program Start: July 7, 2013 (arrival)
 - ◆ Program End: July 19, 2013 (departure)
- Contact: For more information, please contact Dr. Raluca Nahorniac, University of Connecticut, Office of Global Affairs (raluca.nahorniac@uconn.edu).