

Instructions for the May 8, 2023 Lecture

Good evening fellow citizens,

The United States has always fashioned itself as a leader in the area of human rights, going so far as to give itself the right of “right to protect” sometimes abbreviated as “R2P” (suspiciously though, not through the mechanism of international law). But in last 50 years, that image has begun to wear thin, with many around the world seeing the US as acting unilaterally to expand its own power, and in the process disregarding the human rights laws and protocols set up after World War Two. This week we’ll examine the concepts and debates around international law and look at the idea of “difference” which might be what makes the need for a concept of human rights possible in the first place. Check this out:

Lecture 14. Human Rights and Difference

Task 1: Read these instructions (does the fun ever cease?)

Task 2: Read Hoffman and Graham, Chapters 18 and 21, pp. 399 – 421; 465 – 480.

Task 3: Click the link on my website or the Canvas “Modules” page titled “Lecture Fourteen Presentation” and watch the lecture for this evening. (for better absorption, try turning off the sound).

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response. You can find the question on the link titled “Lecture / Discussion Page” highlighted in yellow. After completing the response, you will have until the date posted on the assignments page to upload it to Canvas.

Task 5: Open the link for the video and watch.

Task 6: On the Canvas “Modules” page down to the link titled “Discussion Board: Lecture Fourteen.” Then answer the question that I have posted in approximately one to two paragraphs or so. Wait for other students to put their responses and then pick two students to respond to. The deadline for these responses will be posted on the Canvas assignments page. Don’t be late....

So close people, so close. We’ll meet next week for a very quick look at the concept of global justice and take any final thoughts about the course. If the need for continued online learning is necessary, be thinking about what I can do to make it better...

See you next week for our last session.....Kropf



"The purpose of anthropology is to make the world safe for human differences."

Ruth Benedict