

**SYLLABUS (revised Part II)**  
*Human Rights Activism: History, Theory, and Practice*  
Spring 2010

**20. April 8<sup>th</sup> The Environment**

Visit by Chris Cuomo

Reading:

**Chris Cuomo**, "Ethics and the Eco/Feminist Self," in *Environmental Philosophy: From Animal Rights to Radical Ecology*, pp. 194-207 **E**

**21. April 13<sup>th</sup> Globalization**

Readings:

**Micheline R. Ishay**, (2008) "Globalization and Its Impact on Human Rights" in *The History of Human Rights: From Ancient Times to the Globalization Era*, University of California Press, pp. 257-263. **E**

**Human Rights Watch**, "The Price of Oil," January 1999, Section VIII: Protest and Repression in the Niger Delta, pp.1-25.

**Sasha Chavkin**, "Shell Games in Nigeria," *Nation* 290, no. 1 (2010): 21-24. **E**

**Brian Wright**, "Non-governmental Organizations and Indifference as a Human Rights Issue: the case of the Nigerian Oil Embargo" *Journal of Human Rights vol. I, no. 2, (2002):231-245. E*

**Clifford Bob**, "Globalization and the Social Construction of Human Rights Campaigns," in (2002) *Globalization and Human Rights*, pp. 133-146.

**22. April 15<sup>th</sup> Labor Rights**

\* *Film, Senorita Extraviada: Missing Young Woman (ITVS 2001, 76 min.)*

Readings:

**Amnesty International**, "Mexico: Intolerable Killings: Ten years of abductions and murders in Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua: Summary Report and Appeals Cases," 2003. **E**

**Melissa W. Wright**, "The Dialectics of Still Life: Murder, Women and Maquiladoras", in (2007) *Women and Migration in the U.S.- Mexico Borderlands*, pp. 184-202. **E**

**Nicholas D. Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn**, "Two Cheers for Sweatshops," *New York Times Magazine*, September 24, 2000: 70. **E**

**23. April 20<sup>th</sup> Trafficking and Prostitution**

Readings:

**Kay Warren**, "The 2000 UN Human Trafficking Protocol: rights, enforcement, vulnerabilities," in (2007) *The Practice of Human Rights: Tracking Law Between the Global and the Local*, pp. 242-269. **E**

**Krisztina Morvai**, “Personal Reflection: Rethinking Prostitution and Trafficking in (2007) *The Circle of Empowerment: Twenty-Five Years of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women*, pp. 141-144. **E**

**Elvira Novikova**, “Poverty, Prostitution and Trafficking,” in (2007) *The Circle of Empowerment: Twenty-Five Years of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women*, pp. 124-140. **E**

#### **24. April 22 Migration and Refugees**

Visit by Jacqueline Bhabha

Readings:

**Jacqueline Bhabha**, “Border rights and rites: Generalizations, stereotypes and gendered migration,” in (2006) *Women and Immigration Law: New Variations on Classical Feminist Themes*, pp. 15-34. **E**

\_\_\_\_\_ “Internationalist Gate Keepers: The Tension between Asylum Advocacy and Human Rights,” *Harvard Human Rights Journal* 15 (2002): 155. **E**

#### **Genocide**

#### **25. April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Readings:

**George J. Andreopoulos & Leo Kuper**, “Introduction: The Calculus of Genocide, Theoretical Issues Relating to Genocide: Uses and Abuses,” in (1994) *Genocide: Conceptual and Historical Dimensions*, pp. 1-28, 31-46. **E**

**Scott Straus**, “Conclusion,” in (2006) *The Order of Genocide: Race, Power, and War in Rwanda*, pp. 224-246. **E**

#### **26. April 29<sup>th</sup>**

\* *Film, Sometimes in April (HBO Films 2005, 140 minutes) streaming:*

Visit by Timothy Longman

Readings:

**Alison des Forges**, (1999) *Leave None to Tell the Story: Genocide in Rwanda*, pp. 1-27, 45-47, and 65-69. **E**

#### **27. May 4<sup>th</sup>**

We will be enacting a CEDAW Special Protocol session which enables victims of human rights violations to seek redress. You should all review the model form and the Chair’s remarks. Each of you will also be assigned to one of three cases. All of these materials are available on the E-Reserves. For additional background information please consult: [www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/protocol](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/protocol)

#### **28. May 6<sup>th</sup> Concluding Reflections**

**Readings:**

**Ken Roth**, Empty Promises

**<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2010/02/24/empty-promises>**

**Upendra Baxi**, *Human Rights in a Post-Human World*, selections **E**