Telemark University College

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

FINAL EXAM

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Course name:	HUMAN RIGHTS
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Exam place:	GATEWAY NEW YORK
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Special remarks:	Answer one exam question, either 1 or 2.
Number of attachments:	None

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ENGLISH:

Either:

1. Article 2 of the UDHR says "Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status." Does Article 2 hold true today, or are there still large gaps? Are human rights truly absolute for all of humanity? Using your readings and class lectures, identify what are basic human rights according to international policy documents and according to the philosophical texts, and discuss whether or not these rights are being enforced today. What determines if a group can maintain their human rights? What are the moral complexities and gray areas of dealing with human rights as a discourse?

or:

2. Ishay mentions that the world is increasingly globalized. Yet, with all our interconnectedness, the conditions of human rights around the world still vary. Are human rights really universal, or are they only relative, and limited? Using examples from the readings and from class, discuss one historical human rights challenge and one modern human rights challenge of today. What approach would you take to address those challenges? In class, we have learned about the European human rights framework and the American human rights framework. What are the similarities and differences of each approach? What does Ishay infer about each approach? Which human rights model has proven to be most effective and why?