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General International Human Rights Information

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 1948 lists the fundamental human rights that are common to all people. These rights include the right to life, the prohibition against slavery, torture and arbitrary arrest, equality before the law, and the freedom of movement, peaceful assembly, and participation in government. Subsequent international human rights treaties have elaborated upon and expanded these rights.

To locate books, search the NUCat Library Catalog under keywords and switch to relevant subject headings. For example:

- Human Rights
- Human Rights – Legal Research
- Human Rights – Dictionaries
- Civil Rights
- Restorative Justice
- South Africa. Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- Truth commissions.
- Reconciliation.
- Victims of crimes.

Background Sources

International Human Rights in a Nutshell
Law Reserve K3240.4 .B84 2002

A Handbook of International Human Rights Terminology
Law Reference K3239.6 .C66 2004

International Human Rights: Law, Policy, and Process
Law Reserve K3240.4 .N39 2001

Encyclopedia of Human Rights
Law Stacks JC571 .E67 1989 (First Floor)

Encyclopedia of human rights issues since 1945 / Winston E. Langley
Law Reference JC571 .L2747 1999

NUSL Law Library's Human Rights Resources
<http://www.slaw.neu.edu/library/forinhumanrights.htm>

Primary Human Rights Materials

Texts of international human rights instruments are usually easy to find on the internet. Here are some frequently-used online sources, as well as a selection of print resources.

- [Bayefsky.com](http://www.bayefsky.com) - a compendium of resources related to the UN human rights system and treaty bodies
- EISIL, International Human Rights
<http://www.eisil.org/>
- University of Minnesota, Human Rights Library
<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/>
- Multilaterals Project, Human Rights Documents
<http://fletcher.tufts.edu/multi/humanRights.html>
- U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, International Human Rights Instruments
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/>
- Human Rights : A Compilation of International Instruments
Law Stacks K3238.A1 H85 (First Floor)
- Basic documents on human rights / edited by Ian Brownlie
Law Stacks K3238.A1 B76 2006 (First Floor)
- The core international human rights treaties / Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Law Stacks K3238 .C67 2006 (First Floor)

United Nations Human Rights Treaties and Their Corresponding Treaty Bodies

There are seven main U.N. human rights treaties. Each treaty has a corresponding "treaty body" which administers the treaty, keeps track of state parties and their reservations and declarations, and receives and responds to reports compiled by state parties.

Text of Treaty	Corresponding Treaty Body
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	Human Rights Committee (HCR)
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	Committee against Torture (CAT)
Convention on the Rights of the Child	Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	Committee on Migrant Workers (CMW)
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Descriptions of these Major UN Bodies and their Treaties can be found at:

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/spechr.htm>

Hurricane Katrina Human Rights Material

Katrina & Rita Tribunal [videorecording] : truth crushed to earth will rise! - International Tribunal on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (2007 : New Orleans, La.)
Law Reserve HV636 2005 .G85 I58 2007 (DVD and Booklet)

Come hell or high water: Hurricane Katrina and the color of disaster / Michael Eric Dyson.

Law Stacks HV636 2005.G87 D97 2006 *

After the storm: Black intellectuals explore the meaning of Hurricane Katrina / edited by David Dante Troutt.

Law Stacks E185.615 .A594 2006

There is no such thing as a natural disaster: race, class, and Hurricane Katrina / edited by Chester Hartman and Gregory D. Squires.

Law Stacks HV636 2005.L8 T44 2006

Edwards, G. E. "International Human Rights Law Violations before, during, and after Hurricane Katrina: An International Law Framework for Analysis," Thurgood Marshall Law Review v. 31 no. 2 (Spring 2006)

Race, Class, and Katrina: Selected Resources on Katrina in Human Rights Perspective

<http://www.slaw.neu.edu/library/katrina.htm>

Statement of Jeanne M. Woods and Prof. Hope Lewis Prepared for the Hearings of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty (Re; Hurricane Katrina and International Human Rights law)

<http://www.slaw.neu.edu/clinics/WoodsLewis.pdf>

Tulsa-Greenwood Race Riot Materials

Tulsa-Greenwood Race Riot Claims Accountability Act of 2007: hearing before the Subcommittee on the United States. <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS85062>

* **REMINDER:** The majority of the Human Rights materials are on the First Floor of the Law Library which covers call numbers A to JZ and K34 to KE.

Riot and remembrance: the Tulsa race war and its legacy / James S. Hirsch.
Law Stacks F704.T92 R56 2002

Death in a promised land: the Tulsa race riot of 1921 / Scott Ellsworth
Snell Stacks F704.T92 E44 1982

Reconstructing the Dreamland: the Tulsa riot of 1921: race, reparations, and
reconciliation / Alfred L. Brophy.
Law Stacks F704.T92 B76 2002

South African Truth Commission and Other International Truth Commissions

The South African Truth Commission / Kenneth Christie.
Law Stacks DT1945 .C44 2000

The South African Truth Commission : the politics of reconciliation / Dorothy C. Shea.
Law Stacks DT1945 .S52 2000

Does one size fit all? : the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission revisited /
Amadu Sesay.
Law Stacks DT516.826 .S47 2007

Truth commissions: a comparative assessment: an interdisciplinary discussion held at
Harvard Law School in May, 1996 / organized by the Human Rights Program
Law Stacks JC571 .T78 1997

Amnesty International's Truth Commissions Website
<http://www.amnesty.org/en/international-justice/issues/truth-commissions>

Shattered voices: language, violence, and the work of truth commissions
Law Stacks JC580 .P48 2004

Confronting past human rights violations : justice vs. peace in times of transition /
Chandra Lekha Sriram.
Law Stacks JC580 .S65 2004

Truth commissions and courts : the tension between criminal justice and the search for
truth / edited by William A. Schabas and Shane Darcy.
Law Stacks JC580 .T78 2004

Motala, Z. The Use of the Truth Commission in South Africa as an Alternative Dispute
Resolution Mechanism versus the International Law Obligations. Santa Clara Law
Review v. 45 no. 4 (2005) p. 913.

Garkawe, Sam. The South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission: a suitable
model to enhance the role and rights of the victims of gross violations of human rights?
Melbourne University Law Review 27, no. 2 (2003) p. 334.

Brahm, Eric. "Truth Commissions." Beyond Intractability. Eds. Guy Burgess and Heidi Burgess. Conflict Research Consortium, University of Colorado, Boulder, June 2004.
http://www.beyondintractability.org/essay/truth_commissions/

Restorative Justice

Handbook of restorative justice / Gerry Johnstone and Daniel W. Van Ness.
Law Stacks HV8688 .H35 2007

Accountability in restorative justice / Declan Roche. Roche, Declan.; Law Stacks
HV8688 .R63 2003

Burying The Past : Making Peace And Doing Justice After Civil Conflict / Nigel Biggar,
Editor.
Law Stacks JC578 .B49 2001

Closing The Books : Transitional Justice In Historical Perspective / Jon Elster.
Law Stacks K5250 .E44 2004

Compulsory Compassion : A Critique Of Restorative Justice / Annalise Acorn.
Snell Stacks HV8688 .A25 2004

Crime, Victims And Justice : Essays On Principles And Practice / edited By Hendrik
Kaptein And Marijke Malsch.
Law Stacks HV8688 .C72 2004

Criminal punishment and restorative justice : past, present, and future perspectives /
David J. Cornwell
Law Stacks KUQ3956 .C67 2006

Critical issues in restorative justice / Howard Zehr and Barb Toews
Snell Stacks HV8688 .C75 2004

Governing paradoxes of restorative justice / George Pavlich.
Law Stacks HV8688 .P38 2005

The guilt of nations : restitution and negotiating historical injustices / Elazar Barkan.
Law Stacks JA79 .B285 2000

The handbook of reparations / edited by Pablo De Greiff
Law Stacks JC578 .H386 2006

Handbook of restorative justice : a global perspective / edited by Dennis Sullivan and
Larry L. Tift.
Law Stacks HV8688 .H36 2006

The handbook of victim offender mediation : an essential guide to practice and research /
Mark S. Umbreit ; sponsored by the Center for Restorative Justice & Peacemaking.

Law Stacks HV8688 .U52 2001

Institutionalizing Restorative Justice / edited By Ivo Aertsen, Tom Daems And Luc Robert.

Law Stacks HV8688 .I57 2006

Justice For Crimes Against Humanity / edited By Mark Lattimer And Philippe Sands.

Law Stacks K5301 .J87 2003

Lethe's Law : Justice, Law And Ethics In Reconciliation / edited By Emilios Christodoulidis And Scott Veitch.

Law Stacks JC578 .L48 2001

Politics and the past : on repairing historical injustices / edited by John Torpey.

Law Stacks KZ6785 .P65 2003

Post-conflict justice / edited by M. Cherif Bassiouni.

Law Stacks K5001 .P67 2002

Redress for victims of crimes under international law / Ilaria Bottigliero.

Law Stacks KZ6785 .B68 2004

Repair or revenge : victims and restorative justice / Heather Strang.

Law Stacks HV8688 .S77 2002

Reparations : pro & con / Alfred L. Brophy

Law Stacks KF4757 .B66 2006

Restorative justice and civil society / edited by Heather Strang and John Braithwaite.

Law Stacks HV8688 .R49 2001

Restorative justice and criminal justice : competing or reconcilable paradigms? / edited by Andrew von Hirsch

Law Stacks K970 .R464 2003

Restorative justice : how it works / Marian Liebmann.

Law Stacks HV8688 .L54 2007

Restorative Justice In Context : International Practice And Directions / edited By Elmar G.M. Weitekamp And Hans-Jürgen Kerner.

Law Stacks HV9058 .R47 2003

Restorative Justice : International Perspectives / edited By Burt Galaway And Joe Hudson.

Law Stacks K970 .R467 1996

Taking responsibility for the past : reparation and historical injustice / Janna Thompson.

Law Stacks KZ6785 .T49 2002

Transitional justice in the twenty-first century : beyond truth versus justice / edited by Naomi Roht-Arriaza and Javier Mariezcurrena.

Law Stacks K5250 .T735 2006

Sample International and Human Rights Law Journals

Many university law schools publish student edited journals having an emphasis upon human rights. The list below is representative but by no means comprehensive. Many of these Journals are available in print or online. Please check the Law Library's Catalog, NUCat, to find their availability. You can also search LexisNexis, Westlaw, Hein-Online, or Legal Trac, all available at <http://www.slaw.neu.edu/library/license.htm>

Buffalo Human Rights Law Review (1998-)

LAW STACKS JC571 .B84

Columbia Human Rights Law Review (1972-)

LAW STACKS JC571.C64

Global Journal on Human Rights Law

LAW STACKS K3238.2 .G56

Harvard Human Rights Journal (1990-)

LAW STACKS JC 571.H37

Harvard Human Rights Yearbook (1988-1989)

LAW STACKS JC571.H37

Human Rights Law Journal : HRLJ (1980-)

LAW STACKS JC571.H83

Human Rights Quarterly (1981-)

LAW STACKS JC 571.H85

New York Law School Human Rights Annual (1983-1987)

LAW STACKS JC571.N45