**GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

The course aims at providing students with the knowledge of the relationship between gender and human rights. It explores origins, development and challenges of integrating gender into human rights law discourse and practice. Focusing on international protection of women’s human rights as an example, the course introduces students to relevant international bodies and instruments. It also introduces students to the critical analysis of law through the study of feminist legal methods within the context of women’s rights protection

#### Objectives:

After the completion of this course, students will be able to

* Have a conceptual and theoretical understanding of human rights.
* Understand the international human rights frame work.
* Develop a link between international and national human rights frame work.
* Critically analyze the national and international violation of human rights.

#### Contents:

1. **Introduction to Human Rights:**
	1. Historical background
	2. Different theoretical perspectives in development of human rights

#### International Development of Human Rights:

* 1. The United Nations Charter
	2. Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)
	3. ICCPR, ICESR
	4. CRC
	5. Universal Islamic Declaration of Human Rights

#### Monitoring, Implementing and Enforcing Human Rights:

* 1. The reports system
	2. Inter-state and individual complaints
	3. Rapporteur and special investigators
	4. Ratification, declaration and reservation
	5. State reports

#### Gender and Human Rights:

* 1. CEDAW
	2. Beijing platform for action
	3. Declaration of Violence
	4. Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
	5. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

#### Gender, Law and Human Rights in Pakistan:

* 1. Fundamental human rights guaranteed by the constitution of Pakistan
	2. Legal perspective of human rights in Pakistan (implementation and enforcement)
	3. Recent legal developments in the country
		1. Muslim Family law Ordinance 1961
		2. Marriage, polygamy, divorce, dissolution of marriage otherwise by divorce, maintenance, dower, and gifts, parents and child guardianship, will and inheritance.
		3. Changes introduced in the criminal laws: Law of Evidence, Shariyat Act, Rajam, Qisas and Diyat, Hudood or Punishments.
		4. The Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2010
		5. The Acid Control and Acid Crime Prevention Act, 2010
		6. Child Marriage Restraint Act 1929/ 2016
		7. Punjab Governments women empowerment packages
		8. The Punjab Protection of Women Against Violence Act 2016

#### Issues of minorities

* 1. Legal rights of minorities
	2. Legal barriers for women
	3. Issues of Social acceptance

#### Challenges to Human Rights in Pakistan:

* 1. Human rights violations and abuse

#### Protection of Human Rights; role of the State and the Civil Society:

* 1. Study of both national and international perspectives

#### Suggested Readings:

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