

## **FOUNDATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

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Inquiry into the nature of human rights and their justificatory grounds, with particular attention to: natural rights traditions, philosophical underpinnings of modern human rights, and the problematic of religion and human rights. Readings focus on recent historical and theoretical accounts of human rights, with occasional soundings in pertinent primary and other secondary sources.

### Textbook Order:

\* Brian Tierney, *The Idea of Natural Rights: Studies on Natural Rights, Natural Law, and Church Law 1150-1625* (Eerdmans, 1997). ISBN 978-0-8028-4854-3.

\* John Witte, Jr., *The Reformation of Rights: Law, Religion, and Human Rights in Early Modern Calvinism* (Cambridge, 2007). ISBN 978-0-521-52161-1.

\* Lynn Hunt, *Inventing Human Rights: A History* (Norton, 2007). ISBN 978-0-393-33199-8.

\* Mary Ann Glendon, *A World Made New: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (Random House, 2001). ISBN 978-0-375-76046-4.

\* Johannes Morsink, *Inherent Human Rights: Philosophical Roots of the Universal Declaration* (U. Penn, 2009). ISBN 978-0-8122-4162-4.

\* Samuel Moyn, *The Last Utopia: Human Rights in History* (Harvard, 2010). ISBN 978-0-674-06434-8.

\* Hans Joas, *The Sacredness of the Person: A New Genealogy of Human Rights* (Georgetown, 2013). ISBN 978-1-58901-969-0.