

ECTS Syllabus

Course Title	Human Rights in the Digital Age				
Course Code	PGT-206				
Course Type	Elective				
Level	1 st Cycle				
Year / Semester	2 nd Year				
Teacher's Name	Dr. Odysseas Christou and Dr. Themis Tzimas				
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	1/12	Laboratories / week	N/A
Course Purpose and Objectives	The main objectives of the course are to: 1. Analyze the influence of digital technologies on the development and protection of human rights globally. 2. Evaluate ethical, legal, and social implications of digital advancements on individuals' rights and freedoms. 3. Apply theoretical frameworks to assess policy and governance solutions addressing human rights challenges in the digital era. Provide the background to the role of international organisations in international society.				
Learning Outcomes	After completion of the course students are expected to be able to: 1. Identify and describe core concepts and definitions of human rights within a digital context. 2. Explain how digital platforms and technologies both enable and threaten the realization of human rights. 3. Critically assess policy responses to emergent human rights issues related to surveillance, privacy, and data security. 4. Compare national and international legal frameworks related to digital human rights. 5. Apply analytical tools to evaluate the impact of technology on freedom of expression and access to information. 6. Formulate reasoned arguments regarding the ethical responsibilities of technology companies and governments. 7. Propose informed recommendations for protecting and promoting human rights in digital environments.				

Prerequisites	None	Required	N/A		
Course Content	1. Introduction: Course Overview and Digital Human Rights Foundations 2. Evolution of Human Rights Theory in the Digital Age 3. Privacy and Data Protection: Legal and Ethical Dimensions 4. Freedom of Expression, Censorship, and Online Speech 5. Surveillance Technologies and Civil Liberties 6. Artificial Intelligence, Discrimination, and Automated Decision-Making 7. Digital Divide and Access to Information 8. Social Media, Disinformation, and Human Rights Implications 9. Child Rights and Vulnerable Groups in the Digital Ecosystem 10. International Governance: Treaties and Soft Law on Digital Rights 11. Future Challenges: Policy Recommendations and Transformative Technologies				
Teaching Methodology	Lectures, Student Presentations, Question and Answers, Discussions and Assignments				
Bibliography	Required Textbook:				
	Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
	Kirtley, J. (ed).	Privacy Rights in the Digital Age	Grey House	2019	9781642650778
	Recommended Textbooks/Reading:				
	Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
	Lambert, P.	Understanding the New European Data Protection Rules	Routledge	2020	9780367657680
	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights	Handbook on European Data Protection Law	Publications Office of the European Union	2018	9789287198495
Assessment	Final Examination Mid-Term Project Two Presentations Participation				
Language	English				