Aim of the course:
Students shall be introduced to multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach in the fields of the protection of human and minority rights. These approaches bring together legal-dogmatic, neo-institutional and sociological-empirical research methods. They will learn about different theories from these fields and about effects they might have in practice, particularly in the Southeastern European states.

Outcome of the course:
This course shall enable students to master theoretical approaches and practical means for protection of human and minority rights as well as for ethnic conflict management. They will be able to analyze ethnic conflicts and the situation of human and minority rights in Southeastern Europe, as well as to suggest efficient instruments for the protection of these rights and the ways to overcome ethnic conflict.

Content of the course
The course deals with the complexities of human and minority rights management in Europe mainly through the discussion of the international and interregional protection mechanisms of the United Nations, the OSCE and the Council of Europe. Moreover, a wide range of linguistic, educational and political rights to be found in different national constitutional systems will be explored. Special focus will be put on the concept of cultural diversity under the EU law, which gains a growing significance beyond the context of human rights and minority protection, as well as on the phenomena of immigration and social inclusion. Standard-setting and monitoring processes, mutual influences of national and supra-national levels on the one hand, and between different organizations on the other, will be discussed in order to assess whether there is a “European” legal regime of diversity management on the rise. In the course of the seminar, students will learn how to make use of various instruments for the protection of human and minority rights.

Literature
| Participation in discussions | .......... |
| Seminar paper (6000 words)  | 70        |