Introduction to International Human Rights Law

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Session 5

Right to life

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Session 5: The right to life: death penalty & targeted killings

- Challenge: What are the pros and cons regarding death penalty?
- * Challenge: What is the situation of death penalty in international human rights law today?
- Challenge: What are the guarantees and limits of death penalty?
- Challenge: How to deal with the death row?
- * Challenge: How to deal with the unfair trial sentencing a death penalty?
- Challenge: Is death penalty a form of inhuman and degrading treatment?
- Challenge: The use of lethal force by the State
- Challenge: Targeted killings in international law / human rights law

- European Court of Human Rights, Soering v. the United Kingdom,7 July 1989
- European Court of Human Rights, Einhorn v. France, 16 October
 2001 (decision on the admissibility)
- * European Court of Human Rights, Öcalan v. Turkey, 12 May 2005 (Grand Chamber)
- * European Court of Human Rights, Al-Saadoon and Mufdhi v the United Kingdom, 2 March 2010
- * European Court of Human Rights, Mc Cann and Others v. the United Kingdom, 27 September 1995
- * I/A Court H.R., Case of the Rochela Massacre v. Colombia. Merits, Reparations and Costs. Judgment of May 11, 2007. Series C No. 163.