



Reading Group on Human Rights

“Between Inclusion and Exclusion: The End(s) of Human Rights?”

Human Rights Reading Group
Tuesday 2 March 2010 at 14:00-16:00
Villa La Fonte, Sala B

In preparation for the Max Weber Multidisciplinary Research Workshop, “Between Inclusion and Exclusion: The End(s) of Human Rights?” (to be held on 10 March at 15:00 in Villa La Fonte) there will be a reading group to discuss articles relevant for the presentations of Professor Eric Weitz and Professor Martin Scheinin and for the overall theme.

Abstract:

Human rights are considered ways to protect citizens from abuse by the state. Yet, it is often the institutions of the state itself that are charged with defining these rights and determining to whom they are afforded. This workshop will explore the limits of the concept of human rights with particular reference to the dynamics of inclusion and exclusion it generates by defining what is a right, who is the citizen, and who is the human. Eric Weitz will present a critical history of human rights, while Martin Scheinin will offer an institutional-legal perspective on the challenges of human rights protection