



The FAU Interdisciplinary Human Rights Research Collective¹

(The HR Research Collective)

Introduction and purpose

The aim of the HR Research Collective is to bring together scholars at FAU to speak openly about their human rights research and get feedback from colleagues. The meetings are limited to internal FAU colleagues and associated members. The purpose of the collective is to serve as an internal safe space to test new ideas, share findings, brainstorm, as well as learn about the incredible work of colleagues.

Format

The sessions will take place on Zoom every Friday from 11-12:15. The sessions take place online to ensure they are as accessible as possible for diverse participants. The sessions are typically composed of some form of presentation from the speaker followed by interactive discussion. These discussions can take the form of general feedback or discussing questions that the speaker specifically has for the group. If you are coming as a participant, active participation is highly encouraged. The success of the Research Collective is owed completely to the presenters and participants who come for active engagement and discussion.

Who may join?

All professors, post docs, fellows, PhD researchers and master students who work on human rights at FAU may attend the Human Rights Research Collective sessions.

Emails and calendar invites about upcoming events will be sent out to everyone on the mailing list. If you are not yet on the mailing list, but would like to be, please reach out to me at sabrina.rau@fau.de

Who may present?

All professors, post-docs, fellows, and PhD researchers may present during the Research Collective sessions. Although master students may attend all sessions, they will unfortunately not have the opportunity to present themselves. Master students are warmly invited to attend and to actively participate in the discussions.

Guidance for speakers

As a speaker, your session in the Human Rights Research Collective, should primarily suit your interests and needs. The session should serve as an opportunity to test your arguments, ideas and presentations in a safe space and get feedback from colleagues.

The first step to becoming a speaker is to respond to the call for speakers that I (Sabrina) will send out indicating the date you would like to present and a title. Once I confirm the date, you will be asked to fill out a simple form (Annex 1 below) and return this ASAP. Information for the form will include the title of your presentation and a brief description about what your presentation/discussion will be about.

¹ Disclaimer: The HR Research Collective is a continuation of the existing Human Rights Research Cluster under a new name. Due to a conflict on the use of the word 'cluster' the name had to be changed.



You may determine what format best suits your needs. Examples of previous sessions have included:

- PowerPoint presentations
- Sharing of a longer text prior to meeting
- Sharing a document in screen share
- Presenting without visual aids

There is no right or wrong format to use. It should just work for you and your needs. A format that seems to have been popular in previous sessions follows the following structure.

5 mins	Introductions/welcome
20-30 mins	Presentation
45 - 50 mins	Discussion
5 mins	Final comments/wrap up

This is not a mandatory structure to keep but can serve as guidance. Generally, feedback from previous sessions suggests that the more time there is for discussion the more useful it is for the speaker.

In terms of moderation, you also have a choice whether you would like someone to help moderate your session or whether you want to do it yourself. Having a moderator can help you focus on the content and the discussion without having to focus on timekeeping and order within the Zoom room, but it is your choice whether to have this or not. This question is also part of the Annex Form.

Contact

Should you have any questions or concerns about participating in the HR Research Collective you can reach out to me at sabrina.rau@fau.de.



ANNEX 1: Presenter Form

1. Name of Presenter

2. When would you like to present?

3. What is the title of your presentation?

4. Please write a paragraph about your session topic and what you hope to gain out of discussion and feedback in the sessions.

5. Would you like to have a moderator?