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Applying human rights principles to realise sexual and reproductive health rights claims 803 (HRA 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Law
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM specialising in Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	30 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The focus of this module is on the application of human rights principles to reproductive and sexual health with a view to realising claims on these rights at domestic, regional and global levels. Topics include:

- Applying human rights to sexual and reproductive health, including the rights to equality, life, human dignity, freedom from inhuman and degrading treatment, health, information, education, reproductive self-determination, maternity protection in employment, liberty and security of the person, and privacy.
- Developing a sexual and reproductive rights claim through identifying the reproductive health wrong, its causes and the wrongdoer; documenting the alleged wrongs; determining which laws are implicated, identifying human rights standards for determining breach of a reproductive right.
- Advancing a sexual and reproductive rights claim at the domestic level with reference to realising reproductive rights through regulatory and disciplinary procedures, courts of law, alternative dispute resolution, domestic human rights institutions, and ombudspersons.
- Advancing a sexual and reproductive rights claim at the regional and sub-regional levels with reference to realising reproductive rights through African regional and sub-regional institutions.
- Advancing a sexual and reproductive rights claim at the global level with particular reference to realising reproductive rights through United Nations treaty monitoring bodies.
- Drawing lessons from comparable regional human rights systems with particular reference to the European and Inter-American regional human rights systems.



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