This seminar course will focus on both theoretical and applied inquiry into human rights and global justice. It will appeal to students in political science, international development studies, and criminal justice and public policy. The first part of the course will introduce philosophical discussions about what human rights guarantees promise and what they can deliver. The second part of the course will address specific topics and their political dimensions. Topics will include responsibility across borders, transnational court cases related to mining and human rights violations, global/ regional institutions and their legitimacy/ illegitimacy in working to achieve justice in countries with weak institutions and rule of law (with a focus on Latin America), NGOs and epistemic communities, gender justice, and indigenous rights.

Assignments: TBA
Readings: TBA