The Political Economy of Human Rights Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Analyze the interdependence of economic policies and human rights.
2. Evaluate the impact of globalization and trade agreements on labor rights and environmental justice.
3. Examine the role of multinational corporations and corporate power in human rights violations.
4. Critically assess the influence of international financial institutions (IMF, World Bank) on social rights.
5. Unpack the concept of corporate accountability and human rights due diligence.
6. Investigate the political dynamics of resource extraction and indigenous rights.
7. Identify the legal and non-legal strategies for advocacy and remedy.
8. Explore the challenges of transitional justice in post-conflict economies.
9. Develop skills in political economy analysis (PEA) for human rights programming.
10. Formulate policy recommendations for rights-based economic governance.
11. Understand the intersection of climate justice and human rights.
12. Analyze the role of digital technology and surveillance in political control.
13. Examine the link between food sovereignty and the right to food.

Organizational Benefits

- Staff can design more effective, context-aware programs by understanding the political and economic drivers of human rights issues.
- Organizations can strengthen their advocacy efforts by targeting structural issues rather than just symptoms.
- Equips staff with advanced analytical skills, fostering a deeper understanding of complex global challenges.
- Demonstrates a commitment to cutting-edge, interdisciplinary approaches, boosting an organization's reputation among donors and partners.
- Helps organizations better anticipate and respond to risks posed by political and economic shifts.

Target Audience

- Human rights advocates and NGO staff
- Development professionals and aid workers
- Policy analysts and government officials
- Journalists and researchers specializing in global affairs

- Graduate students in human rights, international relations, and political science
- Corporate social responsibility (CSR) managers
- Legal professionals working on international law and corporate accountability
- Community organizers and grassroots activists

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Module 1: Foundations of Political Economy and Human Rights

- Defining the core concepts: Political Economy, Human Rights, and their conceptual intersection.
- Historical evolution of human rights and economic thought.
- The tension between economic liberalization and social rights.
- The role of states as both duty-bearers and enablers of economic power.
- **Case Study**: The structural adjustment programs of the IMF and World Bank and their impact on health and education rights in Latin America.

Module 2: Corporate Power and Accountability

- The rise of multinational corporations as global actors.
- Understanding the legal and ethical responsibilities of corporations.
- The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs).
- Mechanisms for human rights due diligence and reporting.
- **Case Study**: The Rana Plaza factory collapse in Bangladesh and the ensuing movement for supply chain accountability.

Module 3: Global Economic Regimes and Their Human Rights Impact

- Analysis of international trade agreements (e.g., WTO) and their effect on labor standards.
- The role of international investment treaties and investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS).
- Tax havens, illicit financial flows, and the erosion of public services.
- The political economy of sanctions and their humanitarian consequences.
- **Case Study**: The trade agreements and land rights conflicts in Southeast Asia.

Module 4: Resource Extraction and Indigenous Rights

- The political economy of natural resource exploitation.
- The "resource curse" and its link to conflict and corruption.
- The rights of Indigenous Peoples and the principle of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC).
- Environmental justice and corporate-led displacement.
- **Case Study**: The struggle for land rights and self-determination by Indigenous communities in the Amazon rainforest against mining corporations.

Module 5: The Political Economy of Conflict and Post-Conflict Reconstruction

- Understanding the economic drivers of armed conflict.
- The exploitation of resources in conflict zones.
- The role of international aid and reconstruction in reinforcing or undermining rights.
- Transitional justice mechanisms and their economic dimensions.
- **Case Study**: The diamond trade in Sierra Leone and the subsequent efforts at disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR).

Module 6: Labor Rights and Global Supply Chains

- The exploitation of labor in the globalized economy.
- The politics of labor outsourcing and the race to the bottom.
- The role of international labor organizations and trade unions.
- Strategies for advocating for living wages and safe working conditions.
- **Case Study**: The political economy of fast fashion and the advocacy campaigns for ethical manufacturing and fair wages.

Module 7: Technology, Data, and Human Rights

- The political economy of the digital age and data harvesting.
- Surveillance capitalism and the right to privacy.
- The role of tech companies in censorship and political control.
- Digital activism and the use of technology for human rights advocacy.
- **Case Study**: The use of surveillance technology by governments and corporations to monitor and suppress dissent.

Module 8: Advocacy and Strategic Interventions

- Applying political economy analysis to human rights advocacy.
- Developing advocacy campaigns targeting economic actors and policies.
- Strategic litigation and leveraging legal frameworks for corporate accountability.
- Building coalitions with labor, environmental, and social justice movements.
- **Case Study**: The campaign to hold a major oil company accountable for environmental pollution and community displacement in the Niger Delta.

Training Methodology

This course employs an interactive and practical training methodology, combining theoretical instruction with hands-on application.

- **Interactive Lectures**: Foundational concepts and frameworks will be introduced through dynamic presentations and guided discussions.
- **Case Study Analysis**: Participants will work in groups to deconstruct real-world scenarios, applying course concepts to complex human rights issues.
- **Guest Speaker Sessions**: Experts from international organizations, advocacy groups, and academia will provide firsthand insights and perspectives.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations**: Trainees will engage in scenarios such as negotiating with a multinational corporation or drafting a policy brief.
- **Group Project**: The course will culminate in a group project where participants conduct a political economy analysis of a chosen human rights issue and present their findings.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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