

**Human Rights in Africa, Spring 2012**  
**Mondays 15.15 - 17.45**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Lecture</b>
Feb 6	Introducing human rights and state violence in Africa SJE
Feb 13	Policing Nkomazi: Authority, generation and violence SJE
Feb 20	Transitional Justice – legal and moral regimes for post conflict societies AMJ
Feb 27 (Short session)	Sites of confinement: the entanglement of ghetto and prison AMJ
March 12	Transforming Prisons: cases from East and West Africa Tomas Martin & AMJ
March 19	Violence, translation and the state: Understanding policing in South Africa SJE
March 26	Torture in South Africa: social practices, conventions and impunity SJE
April 16 (Short session)	Responsibility to protect and sovereignty: the case of Darfur. Solvej Berlau
April 23	Victimhood, Suffering and Subjectivity: Beneficiaries and benefactors AMJ
April 30	Revisiting Human Rights in Africa AMJ + SJE

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