Today, the language of human rights is almost universal. It is fundamental to the way that we understand justice both at home and, especially, abroad. But this was not always the case. Ideas of human rights changed over time, gaining power as a result of political, intellectual, and social developments worldwide.

This course looks at the international history of human rights from the Enlightenment to the present and considers how human rights ideas first emerged, how they evolved, and how they became so influential.

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