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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, PEACE, LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE
NPHR500: CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATIONS AND PHILOSOPHY OF HUMAN
RIGHTS

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **TWO questions**

You have 3 hours to complete this exam.

You are encouraged to provide appropriate references where necessary in your work. Any cases of positive exam misconduct will be punished in terms University Regulations.

Question 1

With reference to human rights theories, discuss the historical evolution of human rights. In your answer, indicate the criticisms that have been made against some of the theories. **[50 Marks]**

Question 2

- a) *Classification of human rights into first, second and third generation rights is unnecessary and all human rights are equal.* Discuss the veracity of this statement. **[30 marks]**
- b) Discuss the sources of international human rights law. **[10 marks]**

Question 3

Giving examples, and with particular reference to women's rights, discuss universalism and relativism theories. In your answer, indicate the theory you deem appropriate for the protection of women's rights. **[50 marks]**

Question 4

States have the primary responsibility for the establishment of human rights standards and ensuring their implementation, however other actors also have a critical role to play in the promotion and protection of human rights. Critically discuss **(50 marks)**

END OF EXAMINATION