

THE INTERNATIONAL LAW OF FOOD
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Note that there is a reading assignment is to be prepared in advance of the first day of class, Monday, July 12.

Read closely:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights article 25,
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Pages/Language.aspx?LangID=eng>
- David Martin, “How Rhetoric Became Rights” (“Web Links” folder on course website). Through what analytical transformation did “rhetoric” become “rights?” What is the difference between them?
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, article 11,
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CESCR.aspx>
- Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights General Comment No 12,
http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2f1999%2f5&Lang=en. Click on the pdf document under “English.” This document will also be posted on the course website under “Course Documents.”
- FAO Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security, <http://www.fao.org/3/y7937e/y7937e00.htm>. Read only the actual text of the Guidelines, beginning at page 9. What do the Guidelines aim to achieve, and how from and institutional, structural, and legal point of view would they accomplish those goals?

Also take a look at the UN organogram, “Course Materials.”

Background:

- "Food," in Andrew Clapham & Susan Marks, International Human Rights Lexicon (OUP, 2005). TWEN course website under “Course Documents.”
- Olivier De Schutter, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, <http://www.srfood.org/en/special-rapporteur>. Read just this introductory page. (The current special rapporteur is Hilal Elver, <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Food/Pages/HilalElver.aspx>, but De Schutter’s web page describes the role in greater detail).
- Contribution of the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Olivier De Schutter, to the inquiry launched by the International Development Committee of the Parliament of the United Kingdom in advance of the June 2013 G8 Summit, http://www.srfood.org/images/stories/pdf/otherdocuments/2012.12.17%20-%20srrtf_uk%20inquiry%20global%20food%20security.pdf