

Contents

	Preface	<i>page</i> v
1	International concern with human rights	1
	The idea of international human rights	1
	Different cultures and their approach to human rights	3
	The first international measures for the protection of human rights	14
2	The United Nations and human rights I: the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	23
	The Charter	23
	The Universal Declaration	25
	The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	27
	Individual communications: the Optional Protocol	54
3	The United Nations and human rights II: other instruments and procedures	73
	Standard setting	73
	The Resolution 1503 procedure	74
	Investigation of particular countries	78
	Investigation of particular issues	84
	The implementation provisions of particular treaties	89
	Appraisal	96
4	The protection of human rights in Europe	102
	The European Convention on Human Rights	102
	The European Convention for the Prevention of Torture	145
	The Helsinki Agreement and human rights	148
5	The American Convention on Human Rights	161
	The origin and history of the Convention	161
	The rights protected	166

The system of international control	168
Other provisions of the Convention	187
Comparison with the UN Convention and the European Convention	189
6 Regional co-operation on human rights elsewhere	196
The Permanent Arab Commission on Human Rights	196
The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights	200
Regionalism and universalism	222
7 Economic, social and cultural rights	229
The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	229
Economic and social rights: the ILO	236
Cultural rights: UNESCO	241
The European Social Charter	245
Some other proposals: 'new human rights'	255
8 Humanitarian law	263
Introduction	263
Current problems and recent developments: the Protocols of 1977	266
Human rights and humanitarian law	276
9 International human rights law today and tomorrow	286
The growth of human rights law	286
The reality of human rights law	291
The politics of human rights law	295
The theory of human rights	300
Conclusion	303
Index	306