



# DISGRACE AND GRACE: THE EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS STORY

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Peter Leman joined the faculty at BYU in 2011 and is an assistant professor in the Department of English. Leman's research and teaching areas include law and literature, literature and human rights, African literature,

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Eric Talbot Jensen is an associate professor at BYU's law school where he teaches Public International Law, U.S. National Security Law, Criminal Law, and the Law of Armed Conflict. Jensen's research and scholarship focus on international law,

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