

Research Project: *Natural rights and Human rights*

The objective of this research project is to determine whether there is a relationship between natural rights and human rights. The beginning question is the following: the change from "natural" to "human being" is merely linguistic, without substantial differences in the content, or it reflects the changing conditions and reasons under which are recognized - or given - rights?.

The aforementioned survey will be conducted from both a historical overview of the natural rights - retrieving and analyzing the iusnaturalists thesis taken in the preparation of the American and French declarations - as well as human rights - referring to contemporary theories developed during (and have developed in later) the Second World War. Particular attention will be given to those currents of thought that characterize the natural rights as natural phenomena, and human rights as cultural phenomena. Within this historical-evolutive frame, will be given particular importance to the meaning that the concept of subjective right assumed within the legal positions in question, evaluating, criticizing and comparing commonalities and differences. In addition, space will be devoted to the anthropological images conveyed by each conceptual category (what is the relationship between man underlies to natural rights and man assumed by human rights?).

Part of the research will be conducted in France, under the co-supervision with the University of Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense.