**Study Guide for The No-Nonsense Guide to Human Rights**

Concepts that Pertain to Human Rights

Universal

Inalienable

Indivisibility

State sovereignty

Cultural relativism

Political and civil rights

Economic, social and cultural rights

Justiciable

Anti-statism versus collaborative activism

International law

United Nations Declaration of Human Rights (UNDHR)

Seven key human rights treaties (page 93)

Reservation

NGO

Legal pluralism

Customary law

Human rights committees

Statesments or “General Comments”

Central Debates on Human Rights

1. What are the two major critiques of human rights?
2. What are the two main narratives about the genesis of human rights? According to Ball and Gready, are these two narratives competing or complementary?
3. What is meant by the “indivisibility of rights? What is divisive about human rights? What do the authors think about the matter of the indivisibility of rights?
4. Who or what can be a human rights violator?
5. What do the authors mean when they state that “most international law cannot be enforced in the same way that national (or “domestic”) law can be enforced? How, then, does international law prove effective in decreasing human rights abuses?
6. What is the general structure of the UN?