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#### **International Relations and Human Rights - University of Virginia**

<http://faculty.virginia.edu/irandhumanrights/>

#### **Directory of Human Rights Resources on the Internet**

<http://shr.aaas.org/dhr/>

#### **Engaging the Mind: Commonwealth 2020 Lecture Series**

<http://www.virginia.edu/facultysenate/speakers/2020/>

#### **The Institute for Practical Ethics at the University of Virginia**

<http://www.virginia.edu/ipe/>

#### **UVa School of Continuing and Professional Studies – Northern Virginia**

<http://uvace.virginia.edu/northern/>

## **On the shelf:**

Jack Donnelly, *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice*. (Cornell, 1989)

Mary Ann Glendon, *A World Made New: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. (Random House, 2001).

Louis Henkin, *The Age of Rights*. (Columbia 1992)

Micheline Ishay, ed., *The Human Rights Reader*. (Routledge 1997).

Michael J. Smith, *Realist Thought from Weber to Kissinger*. (LSU, 1987, Japanese translation, 1992).

Michael J. Smith, co-editor and co-author, *Ideas and Ideals*.(Westview 1992).

*UN Development Report 2000--Human Rights and Human Development*. (Oxford 2000, also available on the UN website)

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## **About the speaker:**

Michael J. Smith is the Thomas C. Sorenson Professor of Political and Social Thought and Associate Professor of Government and Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia. He directs the interdisciplinary undergraduate Program in Political and Social thought at UVa. He teaches courses on human rights, political thought and on ethics and international relations and is a faculty associate of the University's Institute for Practical Ethics. For the year 2002-2003 he will serve as Chair of the University of Virginia Faculty Senate.

Professor Smith has been active in promoting the inclusion of ethical questions in university courses on international politics. In 1995, Professor Smith led a NEH seminar for college professors on Teaching Ethics and International Relations. For virtually every year since then, he has participated in similar faculty workshops at places ranging from the West Point, Annapolis, and the Air Force Academy, to Harvard, Boston University, and the University of Alabama, Huntsville. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs in New York. With Stanley Hoffmann of Harvard University he is working on a book about ethical choice in the contemporary world of states.

