Syllabus 2005 - Choice and Discrimination: Race Gender Religion

12 April Thema: Introduction / Choice: The Right to End a Life

questions:

- methods of comparative constitutional law
- what is constitutionalism?

Casebook: p. 556-569

- Cruzan v. Director, Msr. Dpt. of Health (USA)
- Washington v. Glucksberg (USA)
- Rodriguez v. British Columbia (CAN)

new cases:

- Pretty v. UK (ECHR, 2002) with reviews
- cases from "Euthanasia and the Law in the Netherlands"

26 April	Subject: Discrimination and Social Norms: Different Standards for Different
	Categories

Casebook:

- Nocturnal Employment (G 1992) p. 678
- Romer v. Evans (USA) anti-discrimination law (Sexl. Orientatn.) p. 700

other casebooks:

- Andrews v. Law Society of British Columbia (CAN) MacKinnon p. 26
- Price Waterhouse v. Hopkins (USA 1989) Eskridge/Hunter p. 282 gender discrimination as sex discrimination? – MacKinnon notes (p. 168)
- Regents of the University of California v. Bakke MacKinnon p. 435 ,strict scrutiny for race, not for sex discrimination
- Wards Cove Packing Co. v. Antonio (USA 1989) MacKinnon p. 541 burden of proof: race in allocation of workplace, prima facie discrimination case by virtue of numbers
- Ernest Dillon v. Frank (USA 1992) Eskridge/Hunter p. 926 statutory ban on sex discrimination: gender discrimination?

new cases:

Bhe v. Magistrate and others (RSA, 2004) – male progeniture: black traditions v. equality

questions:

- what is assumed as normal? gender vs. sex
- sex equality and racism: tougher standards for racism in US vs. black tradition in S.A. in Bhe

Subject: Sexuality and Procreation: Choice vs. Discrimination – Freedom vs. Equality

Casebook:

- Griswold v. Connecticut (USA) p. 609
- ADT v. UK (ECHR) p. 610
- Bowers v. Hardwick (USA) p. 611
- Natl. Coaltn. f. Gay & Lesbian Equality v. Min. of Justice and others (RSA) p. 613

new cases:

- Laskey, Jaggard and Brown v. UK (ECHR, 1997) Henkin HR regulation of SM not contrary to Art. 8 ECHR; maybe morals
- Sutherland v. UK (ECHR, 2001) different age of consent for homosexuals
- Lawrence v. Texas (USA, 2003)

questions:

- sexuality: a matter of choice and freedom, privacy and autonomy, or an equality matter?
- standards of normalcy: deviant sexuality and the morals same-sex partners vs. SM

24 May Subject: The Right to Marry: Choice vs. Discrimination

Casebook:

- Loving v. Virginia (USA) p. 604 race
- Zablocki v. Redhail (USA) p. 605
- Transsexuals Case (G) p. 579

new cases:

- Bellinger v. Bellinger (UK, 2004) or Goodwin v. UK (ECHR 2002) transsexual marriage, with Gender Recognition Act 2004
- Juliega Daniels v. Robin Grieve Campbell No and others (RSA 2004) definition of ,spouse' marriage by Muslim rites?
- Hilary Goodridge v. Massachussetts Dpt. of Public Health (USA 2003)
- optional: Reference re Same-Sex Marriage (CAN 2004); Ontario v. M & H (CAN, casebook p. 606)
- optional: Gossenaerts et al. v. De Rycke and another and Ministerrat (B, 2004) Gesetz z.
 Öffnung d. Ehe für Personen gleichen Geschlechts... (in German)

questions:

religion, race, gender, sexual orientation: an interplay of discrimination

7 June Subject: Obscenity and Prostitution: Free Speech and the Morals

other casebooks:

 American Booksellers Ass., Inc., v. William H. Hudnut, III (USA, 1985) – Eskridge/Hunter p. 549 or MacKinnon p. 1563 – anti-porno laws combating discriminatory stereotypes

new cases:

- Jordan and others v. the State and others (RSA, 2002) sex workers, equality
- Café Pssst... (G 2000)
- Aldona Malgorzata Jany and others v. Staatssecretaris van Justitie (NL), (ECJ, 2001) prostitution as regular job covered by freedom of residence

questions:

- sexuality and morals the business side of choice
- which rights? Privacy, free speech, economic rights, equality

21 June	Subject: Religion and the State: Which Model? Morals as a Limit to Choice vs.
	Discrimination for Religious Reasons

Casebook:

as a background to discussion: religion and the state – which model? – p. 982-1015

- Chan Hiang Leng Colin and others v. Public Prosecutor (Singapore)
- S.R. Bommai v. Union of India (India)
- County of Allegheny v. ACLU (USA)
- Shavit v. The Chevra Kadisha of Rishon Le Zion (Israel)
- The Hindutva Cases (India)

religious clothing in a public setting

Goldman v. Weinberger (USA 1986) – p. 959 – please consider Brennan J.'s dissent in full

new cases: religious clothing in a public setting:

- Bhinder and another v. Canadian National Railway Co. (CAN 1985)
- Dahlab v. Switzerland (ECHR, 2001)
- France: Mlle Marteaux (F, 2000), CE 02.11.1992 (F), CE 27.11.1996 (F) in French
- Leyla Şahin v. Turkey (ECHR 2004)
- Ludin (G, 2004)

questions:

- which role does the status of religion in a state play for the acceptance of display of religious allegiance in public institutions?
- what is the role of a state's history in terms of immigration and colonialism? Which effect does a greater religious multitude have on legal argument?

5 July Subject: Countering Discrimination: Affirmative Action – Race and Sex

Casebook: p. 724-744

- Regents of California v. Bakke (USA) university, race
- State of Uttah Pradesh v. Pradip Tandon (India) university, rural areas
- Hellmut Marschall v. Land NRW (ECJ 1997) public service, sex
- Feminine Quotas Case (F) elections, sex

other casebooks:

 Adarand Constructors, Inc., v. Pena (USA 1995) – Henkin p. 1058 – preference of socially and economically deprivileged subcontractors for public contracts – esp. assumption because of ,race'

new cases:

- Grutter v. Bollinger et al. (USA 2003) and Grutz v. Bollinger (USA 2002) university
- Abrahamson and Fogelqvist v. Sweden (ECJ) university professors, sex

questions:

- Which measures to secure choice and to combat discrimination?
- sex and race: which relation, which standard? (cf. session 3 May 2005)