Questions for Discussion:
– What are the EU’s human rights obligations under international law?
– Is the EU/EC competent to act in the field of human rights?
– What instruments or measures are available to the EU/EC to engage in international human rights activities?
– How do human rights clauses operate?
– Do human rights clauses in development and cooperation agreements constitute an abuse of power on the part of the EC?
– Are human rights clauses open to challenge under international law?
– What are the human rights obligations of the contracting parties under human rights clauses, i.e., which human rights are protected?
– Who decides on disputes on the application of human rights clauses?
– How are human rights clauses implemented under EC/EU law?
– Is there a duty of uniform application of human rights clauses? and, if so, does the EC have to suspend the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part [OJ 2000 L 147, 21 June 200, p. 3] in the light of the ICJ’s Advisory Opinion on the Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory of 9 July 2004 [http://www.icj-cij.org]? 

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