

## **Abstract**

**Title:** The right to life guaranteed by the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

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**Abstract:** The thesis is mainly focused on the interpretation of the article 2 of the Convention which guarantees one of the most important human rights, the right to life. In the first part of the thesis I deal with the European Convention on Human Rights, especially its application to be clear when the violation of the Convention is possible. Then I concentrate on the functioning of European Court of Human Rights which was constituted for the purpose to execute the control of compliance with rights and liberties guaranteed by the Convention and Additional Protocols to the Convention which contracting states obligate to fulfill. Then I handle the interpretation of the article 2 of the Convention and I try to describe with the help of judicature of the Court which obligations must be fulfilled by the contracting states and how the contracting states must behave to comply with the Convention. Substantive and procedural obligations give rise to contracting states. These obligations can be divided into positive and negative obligations. I continuously describe these obligations with the individual cases which was solved by the Court and which deal with the specific issues. The thesis also focuses on the issues as euthanasia, capital punishment and abortion. The purpose of my thesis is to interpret the article 2 of the Convention with regard to the judicature of the Court and to show how important the judicature of the Court is because through the judicature the Court create and develop individual rights and liberties of the Convention. That is way it is necessary for the contracting states to observe the judicature of the Court and to ensure that they will behave in compliance with the Convention and Additional Protocols and they will fulfill all obligations arising from the Convention.

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