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BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Wednesday 31 May 2023
13.00 – 17.00

Thursday 1 June 2023
09.00 – 17.05

University of Lausanne
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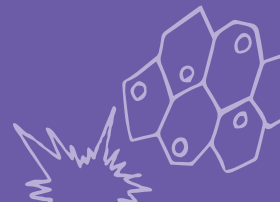
PROGRAM

Organization: Professors Andreas R. Ziegler and Damiano Canapa
and Maria Izabel Cardozo

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2023

- 13.00** **Registration**
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- 13.30** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
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- 1. Setting the Floor: Business and Human Rights at a Glance***
- 13.40** **Keynote Speech – The International Bar Association’s Update Guidance Note on Business and Human Rights: The Role of Lawyers in a Changing Landscape**
Stéphane Brabant, Attorney-at-Law, Trinity International LLP
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- 14.05** **From International ‘Soft Law’ to Law in Business and Human Rights: The Role of the United Nations Guiding Principles (UNGPs) in the Development of Formal Sources of International Law**
Elena Assenza, PhD Candidate, Bocconi University
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- 14.30** **The Role of the Corporate Legal Profession in Climate Justice: A Call for Collective Action**
Jasmine Elliott, PhD Candidate, University of Gothenburg and
Boudewijn de Bruin, Professor, University of Groningen
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- 14.55** **Shifting the Boundaries of Corporate Law: A Transnational Legal Perspective on the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive**
Karin Buhmann, Director of the Centre for Law, Sustainability and Justice, University of Southern Denmark and
Leonard Feld, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Southern Denmark
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- 15.20** **Break**
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- 15.45** **The Interface between the Judiciary and National Human Rights Institutes in Business-Related Human Rights Violations**
Puspa Pokharel, PhD Candidate, Hong Kong University

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II. Implementation of Human Rights in Conflict-Affected Areas

16.10

Learning from the Conflict Dynamics in Ukraine? Toward a Conceptual Framework for Heightened Human Rights Due Diligence

Daria Nagaivska, PhD and Business and Human Rights Consultant,
Izabela Schiffauer, Professor, Adam Mickiewicz University and
Jan Minksztym, LL.M. Candidate, Adam Mickiewicz University

16.35

Business and Human Rights in Conflict-Affected Africa: Opportunities and Challenges for Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding

Ilef Kassab, Research Fellow, Equal Rights Trust, Master of Laws, University of Pretoria

17.00

End of Conference

THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2023

III. Implementation of Business and Human Rights Standards in the Domestic and International Law Domains

(i) From Soft Law to Hard Law

09.00

The Swiss Legislation on Business and Human Rights: A Reform needed toward Harmonization

Damiano Canapa, Professor, University of Lausanne,
Giulia Neri-Castracane, Professor, University of Geneva and
Teymour Brander, PhD Candidate and Research Assistant, University of Geneva

09.25

From 'Like' to Litigation: The Hardening of Soft Law in Platform Governance

Paige Morrow, Senior Legal Advisor (External) to the UN Special Rapporteur
on Freedom of Opinion and Expression, and Research Associate,
Geneva Graduate Institute's Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy

09.50

The Relevance of Human Rights and Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence for the Greening of Antitrust

Maria Jose Schmidt-Kessen, Professor, Central European University

10.15

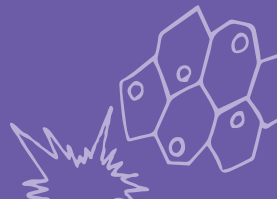
Discrimination and Integration of Minorities in the Workplace: What do the UNGPs Bring to the Table?

Morgane Ventura, Counsel, Swiss Ministry of Justice, Professor, University of Neuchâtel

10.40

Break

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(ii) Responsibility to 'Respect Human Rights' across Different Industries

11.10

Risk-Creating Industries' Obligation to the Right to Health

Alice Bryk, Researcher and PhD Candidate, University of Neuchâtel

11.35

Shared Responsibility for Human Rights in the Algorithmic Age: Why Business Should Be The States' Ally to Eliminate Discrimination

Fabian Luetz, Maître en droit (Paris), LL.M. (Bruges), PhD candidate, University of Lausanne

12.00

From Non-Discrimination to the Guiding Principles: How the Olympics Have Addressed Human Rights

Jean-Loup Chappelet, Professor, University of Lausanne

12.25

Standing Lunch

13.45

Venture Capital and Human Rights Due Diligence: Time to Act

Michel Jaccard and Christof Cardinaux, Attorneys-at-Law, id est avocats

IV. Access to Remedy

14.10

Private International Law Questions: Jurisdiction and Applicable Law from an European and Swiss Perspective

Andrea Bonomi, Professor, University of Lausanne

14.35

Investor Obligations: Using Investment Treaties to Support the Business and Human Rights Agenda

Klara Polackova Van Der Ploeg, Professor, University of Nottingham

15.00

Using the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises to Address Climate Change-Related Issues: Which Contribution from the Case-Law of the NCPs?

Francesca Mussi, Professor, University of Trento

15.25

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15.50

**Investors Human Rights Obligations and Access to Remedy:
New Generation Investment Treaties after the EU Directive on Corporate
Sustainability Due Diligence**

Isidore Ngueuleu, Postdoctoral Researcher, Unidistance and
Nicolas Bueno, Professor, Unidistance

16.15

**Is Arbitration the Answer? An Analysis of Applicable Substantive Law
under the Hague International Business and Human Rights Arbitration
Rules in the Context of the ICT**

Max Ebdon, Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Institute, Master of Laws,
University of Groningen

16.40

**Human Rights Compliance: Challenges from the New Latin American
Constitutionalism**

Fernando Escobar, Attorney-at-Law, LL.M. Candidate, University of Lausanne

17.00

Farewell Remarks and Follow-up

The Conference will be followed by cocktails.

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