

International Conference:

Business and Human Rights in CEE and Central Asia

1 - 2 June 2023

Venue: Vistula University, ul. Stokłosy 3, 02-787 Warsaw (*in person and online*)

Thursday, June 1st, 2023,

Room: Aula 2a (ground floor)

9.30	Refreshments upon arrival
10.00 – 10.30	Official opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beata Faracik, LL.M. -President of the board, Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business Prof. Wawrzyniec Konarski, PhD, Rector of the Vistula University Olena Uvarova, PhD, Head of International Lab on Business and Human Rights, Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, Ukraine Salvör Nordal, PhD, Ombudsman for Children in Iceland Guðmundur D. Haraldsson, Board Member, Alda – Association for Sustainable Democracy Ron Popper, CEO, Global Business Initiative for Human Rights
10.30 – 11.05	Key note speech: Prof. Dr. Markus Krajewski, Centre for Human Rights Erlangen Nürnberg; Friedrich-Alexander-Universität <i>Role of domestic regulations in advancing Human Rights Due Diligence. Case study of the German Supply Chain Law and its impact on CEE and CA.</i>
11.05 – 11.20	Q&A session
11.20 – 11.35	Coffee break
11.35 – 12.05	Annabel Short, Institute for Human Rights and Business <i>Reimagining the built environment, for a rights-respecting green transition.</i>
12.05 – 12.15	Q&A session
12.15 – 13.15	Jacqueline Kacprzak, PhD, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Polish OECD National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct <i>Ensuring access to remedies through the effective functioning of the OECD National Contact Point for RBC grievance mechanism (presentation and workshop).</i>
13.15 – 13.30	Beata Faracik & Olena Uvarova, PhD <i>Official launch of the Case Studies publication.</i>
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch

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14.30 – 16.00	CEE&CA Summer Academy Participants <i>Case studies from the region</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ana Dangova Hug <i>A spillover of carcinogenic six-valent chromium from Jugohrom Plant in the area of Rasce, North Macedonia.</i> Mariusz Kośla <i>The fashion industry in Poland.</i> Nana Khechikashvili <i>Corporate benefits over human rights: Manganese and ferroalloys production in Georgia.</i>
16.00 – 16.20	Q&A session
16.20 – 16.30	<i>Closing of the conference.</i>

Friday, June 2nd, 2023

Rooms: 114 and 115 (1st floor)

09.30 – 10.30	<i>Network building session (CEECA Summer Academy participants and all interested)</i>
10.45 – 12.15 with break at 12.15 – 12.30	<p>Workshop – Case study presentations with focus on HRDD</p> <p>Group 1 (in person only)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Valeriia Poiedynok 2) Akaki Kukhaleishvili 3) Kaja Thiele 4) Gulnaz Baiturova 5) Olya Peneva <p>Moderator: Prof. Jernej Letnar Černič, PhD Commentators: Beata Faracik (PIHRB), Bartosz Kwiatkowski (FBF, PIHRB)</p> <p>Group 2 (hybrid, with simultaneous translation provided).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Snizhana Shevchenko (online) 2) Krystyna Danikowska (online) 3) Murat Karypov 4) Ruhiyya Isayeva 5) Franciszek Nowak <p>Moderator: Joanna Szymonek (PIHRB) Commentators: Olena Uvarova, PhD (YMNU), Katherine Booth (SOMO/OECD Watch) Support: Małgorzata Szlendak (PIHRB)</p>
14.00 – 15.00	<i>Lunch</i>
15.00 – 18.00	Agata Rudnicka, PhD and Prof. Janusz Reichel, PhD, Faculty of Management, University of Łódź, <i>Sustainable business – simulation game. (In person only)</i>

The Conference is a part of a project **Lighthouse-keepers: Business and Human Rights Cooperation Network** led by the Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business (PIHRB) in partnership with the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, the Icelandic Association for Sustainable Democracy – Alda and the Icelandic Ombudsman for Children.

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