

Business & Human Rights – New Scientific Approaches

Conference Program

DATE: April 12 – 13, 2024

VENUE: Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften,
Markgrafenstraße 38, 10117 Berlin (Gendarmenmarkt)

ORGANIZERS: Deniz Utlu (German Institute for Human Rights, Berlin)
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Professor Tara Van Ho, University of Essex
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WEB: You can find updated information on the conference here:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/veranstaltungen/detail/business-human-rights-new-scientific-approaches-conference-call>

<https://blogs.hrz.tu-freiberg.de/bhrconference2024/>

At the end of this document you will find valuable information on travel, accommodation and organization of the conference.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVE

The idea of embedding ethical principles in international business has been reflected by legal efforts including the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, but also increasingly by national supply chain legislation. These legal frameworks have the purpose of holding enterprises accountable when violating ethical standards or when purchasing from partners that violate ethical standards. Despite these efforts, scandals concerning human rights in international supply chains still fill newspaper headlines and TV documentaries on a regular basis.

This conference brings together scholars and practitioners with different backgrounds. Twelve years after the endorsement of the UN Guiding Principles on Human Rights, one important goal of the conference is to reflect on the current state of knowledge on what tools can and should be used to better understand the impact of business on society, taking a trans-disciplinary perspective.

Complementing normative deliberations and empirical evidence, the conference aims to initiate a discussion on future research directions and new methodological approaches: How can scientific approaches be combined and extended in a transdisciplinary and complementary way? What can the business and human rights field learn from other disciplines in this respect? What challenges are posed by new technological developments? How can these also be used in research at the same time? Additional to classical business and human rights approaches, we will specifically consider recent tools and insights from the fields of behavioral economics and social psychology. Another focus will be on the application of philosophical analysis to business and human rights themes such as sector initiatives. The interdisciplinary approach should broaden the pool of measures in human rights due diligence procedures of companies as well as legislative or policy initiatives of governments.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

19:30 – 22:00 Arrival of the conference participants, Informal welcome dinner, location:
„Ristorante Lungomare“, Krausenstrasse 11, 10117 Berlin,
Link: www.lungomare.de

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome by the organizers

10:15 – 11:45 **Keynote 1 - Professor Tara Van Ho:** University of Essex
*Identifying and Reforming Legal Barriers to a Human Rights-Centred
Economy: Interdisciplinary Methods in Business and Human Rights*

11:45 – 12:45 Lunch break

12:45 – 14:15

Open Parallel Session 1

Room A:
*Scientific Approaches to
Human Rights*

Miriam Schroer-Hippel:
*Methodological Framework for Human
Rights Research*

Katryn Wright:
*Changing Behaviour, Changing
Outcomes: How Can Behavioural
Science Advance Corporate Respect
for Human Rights?*

Room B:
*Grievance Mechanisms &
Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives I*

Bruna Singh:
*Clarifying Leverage within the
Business and Human Rights
Framework*

Padma-Dolma Fielitz:
*Effective consultations along the
supply chain from the perspectives
of rights holders in the German
context: Participatory field access*

14:15 – 14:30

Coffee break

14:30 – 16:00

Open Parallel Session 2

Room A:
Diverse

Ekaterina Zibrova:
*Rethinking diversity in an
organizational context: a paradigm*

Room B:
*Grievance Mechanisms &
Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives II*

Ulla Gläßer:
*Implementing effective non-
judicial grievance mechanisms in*

shift from innovation to human-rights based approach

supply chains - the potential of interactive research

Patricia Caparó & Florencia Otero:
An intersectional approach to Business & Human Rights policymaking in Latin America

Jenny Laube:
Responsive, adaptive, stimulative - Designing grievance mechanisms as a component of learning risk management systems

Matthias Fertig:
Should I stay or should I go? A Delphi study on how to institutionalize corporate respect of human rights in conflict-affected areas

José Manuel Barreto:
Colonial Companies and Human Rights

16:00 – 16:15	Coffee Break
16:15 – 17:45	Keynote 2 - Johann Graf Lambsdorff: University of Passau <i>Between Diffusion and Ownership – Experimental Evidence on Responsibility</i>
19:30 – 21:30	Conference Dinner Location: Brasserie am Gendarmenmarkt Link: https://brasserieamgendarmenmarkt.de

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 – 11:30	Keynote 3 - Joseph Vogl: Humboldt University of Berlin <i>Capitalism and Ressentiment. An example drawn from Brexit</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15

Open Parallel Session 3

Room A:
Digital Human Rights

Room B:
Human Rights in Supply Chains

Esther Jaromi:
Holding Social Media Accountable for Hate Speech in Times of Conflict and War: An Urgent Necessity

Christina Schampel:
Sharing insights from HRDD approaches of German Companies implementing the Act on Corporate Due Diligence in Supply Chains – Challenges and achievements towards establishing HRDD in global supply chains

Sarah Hechler:
Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights – Recommendations for Companies

Otgontuya Davaanyam:
Corporate Human Rights Responsibility in the OECD National Contact Point Specific Instances

**Tadej Uršič, Tara Sergeja Kadunc
& Amadej Petan:**
*Digital Lives of the Youth Along the
Silk Road*

Carla Cabanillas:
*Between the German Supply Chain
Due Diligence (LkSG)
Technicalities, Human Rights and
Environmental Degradation: A
Multi-sited Legal Ethnography of
the German Copper Supply Chain*

13:15 – 14:15

Lunch Break

14:15 – 15:45

Open Parallel Session 4

Room A:
Due Diligence I

Yingru Li:
*The role of National Human Rights
Institutions in embedding human rights
principles within corporations*

Nora Wolters:
*The Business of Human Rights?
Assessing the Roles of Service
Providers in Business and Human
Rights*

Josef Baumüller:
*Sustainability Due Diligence: At the
core of the new sustainability reporting
requirements?*

Room B:
Environment

Heike Hennig-Schmidt:
*Can sanctions and international
interaction improve cooperation,
avert climate change and
contribute to a healthy
environment?*

Maximilian Erdmann:
*Circular Responsibility Alliances:
An ethical meta-framework for
collaboration in the transition
towards circular ecosystems*

Lys Kulamadayil:
*From Riches to Resources – The
Natural Environment of the Global
South and the Prism of
Development*

15:45 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:30

Summary and farewell

Please see below for practical information!

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE VENUE

Address:

Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften
Markgrafenstraße 38
10117 Berlin (Gendarmenmarkt)

Sessions will be held in the “Leibnitzsaal” (Room A) and in an adjoining room (Room B).



Source: Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften

Arrival:



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Directions to the Academy:

From the airport BER

- FEX direction Berlin Hbf to Ostkreuz, change there to S3, S5, S7, S75, S9 to Alexanderplatz, change there to U2 direction Ruhleben to Hausvogteiplatz or U5 direction Hauptbahnhof to Museumsinsel, from there 700 m walk
- RE 8 direction Wittenberge/Wismar to Friedrichstraße, from there 1.2 km on foot
S 9 direction Spandau to Alexanderplatz, change there to U2 direction Ruhleben to Hausvogteiplatz
- RB 23 direction Potsdam/Golm to Alexanderplatz, then change to U2 direction Ruhleben to Hausvogteiplatz

From Berlin Central Station

- U5 direction Hönow to Unter den Linden, from there 700 m on foot

From station Berlin Ostbahnhof

- S3, S5, S7, S75, S9 to Alexanderplatz, change there to U2 direction Ruhleben to Hausvogteiplatz

Parking around the academy:

- Underground parking garage Friedrichstadt Passagen, Taubenstraße/Jägerstraße
- Underground parking garage Hotel Hilton, Mohrenstraße
- Underground parking garage Unter den Linden/Staatsoper, entrance Behrenstraße

ACCOMODATION

For the conference participants, we have reserved a room contingent at nearby hotels.

Here you can now book a room referring to the conference.

1. **Living Hotel Berlin-Mitte:** 15 double rooms for single use at 99€ incl. breakfast per night - free cancellation up to 3 weeks before arrival!
Link: www.living-hotels.com/hotel-berlin-mitte
2. **Motel One Berlin-Potsdamer Platz:** 10 single rooms - 11.-12.04.24 159€ (trade fair) incl. breakfast, 12.-13.04.24 99€ incl. breakfast - free cancellation up to 7 days before arrival
Link: www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/berlin/hotel-berlin-potsdamer-platz
3. **Motel One Berlin-Spittelmarkt:** 10 single rooms - 11.-12.04.24 155€ (trade fair) incl. breakfast, 12.-13.04.24 95€ incl. breakfast - free cancellation up to 14 days before arrival
Link: www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/berlin/hotel-berlin-spittelmarkt

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. A **free registration as a listener** of the conference is possible under the link:

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2. The organizers are unfortunately **unable to cover the costs of accommodation and evening events**.

3. Please check our **websites for updates**:

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