

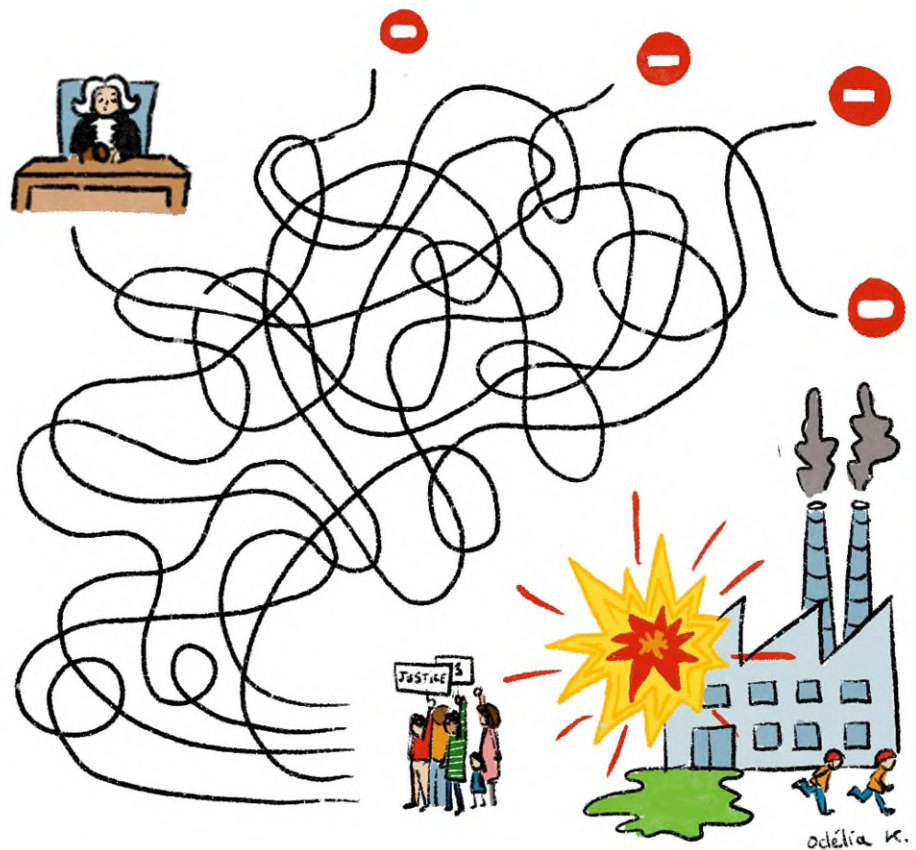
WEBINAR

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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2 PM - 5 PM (CET)

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with simultaneous interpretation

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Esteban Mezzano, General Counsel Operations & Sustainability, Nestlé

Tomás Pascual Ricke, Human Rights Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile

Emmanuel Umpula, Founder and Director of Afrewatch, Congo

Olena Uvarova, Chair of the International Laboratory on Business and Human Rights, Ukraine

Aditi Wanchoo, Senior Manager, Human Rights Program, Novartis

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This is the 8th of a series of webinars scheduled to take place throughout 2023 to mark the 150th anniversary of the International Law Association (ILA).

This webinar will discuss the Business and Human Rights (BHR) White Paper and question the future of BHR regulations as well as the role of businesses in tackling systemic inequality and injustice.

White Paper available at:
<https://www.ilaparis2023.org/en/white-paper/business-and-human-rights/>

Chair



Arif Havas Oegroseno is currently Indonesian Ambassador to Federal Republic of Germany. He was the Indonesian Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, the European Union and the World Custom Union from September 2010 to January 2015.

In Indonesia, he was Deputy Minister to the Coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (2015 - 2018) and was also Director-General for Law and International Treaties (legal adviser) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2007 - 2010). He was the President of the 20th Meeting of the 162 State Parties of the UN Convention of the Law of the Sea (SPLOS). He was the architect of the first ever Indonesian Ocean Policy which is the first one in Southeast Asia and among few in Asia. He is a career diplomat who has served the Indonesian foreign service for over 30 years since 1986.

He is also member of International Law Association - German Chapter.

Anita Ramasastry is a senior academic and expert in the fields of anti-corruption, business and human rights, and law and development. She currently directs the Sustainable International Development Law Graduate Program at the University of Washington School of Law.

She is also the Special Representative on Combatting Corruption to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). From 2016 to 2022, she served as a Member and Chair of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights appointed by the UN Human Rights Council.



Introduction



Catherine Pédamon is currently Programme Director of the LLM courses in International Commercial Law, Corporate Finance and International Commercial Dispute Resolution, and Senior Lecturer at Westminster Law School, University of Westminster. She is also Liaison Tutor for Westminster International University Tashkent. She holds a PhD in Comparative Contract Law. She gained an LLM from Harvard Law School and graduated with an LLB and a DEA from the University Panthéon-Assas (Paris). After a career in private practice with Sullivan & Cromwell (New York), Gide Loyrette Noel (Paris), and Allen & Overy (London), she moved on to academia. She started her academic career at the University of Texas at Austin before moving on to BPP College of Law and Westminster Law School in London with a focus on international commercial law, business and human rights and comparative law.

She is currently actively researching in the field of Business and Human Rights, particularly food security in the global supply chain and comparative corporate accountability, and mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence. She has published in a variety of peer-reviewed journals.

Humberto Cantú Rivera is Professor at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the University of Monterrey (Mexico), and Director of its Human Rights and Business Institute.

He holds a LL.D. from Université Panthéon-Assas Paris II. He has published widely on business and human rights and has extensive experience working with and advising States, international organizations, businesses and civil society on business and human rights in international, regional and domestic standard-setting processes and in the implementation of responsible business conduct standards. He has been an Expert Adviser to the Delegation of Mexico in the business and human rights treaty negotiations, and an Expert witness on business and human rights standards before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the case Miskito Divers (Lemoth Morris and others) v Honduras.



Speakers



Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder is Executive Director of IISD Europe and directs the Economic Law & Policy Programme of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).

She manages IISD's work on international trade, investment, and finance. On a sectoral level, this work spans across sustainable agriculture, mining, and infrastructure. She also oversees IISD's function as the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) and the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED). She also teaches international investment law at the Graduate Institute in Geneva.

Alejandro Celorio Alcántara currently serves as the Legal Adviser at the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As a career diplomat in the Mexican Foreign Service, he has previously been appointed to serve as Deputy Legal Adviser, Head of the Hispanic and Migratory Affairs Section at the Embassy of Mexico in Washington, D.C., Head of the Consular Assistance Department at the Consulate of Mexico in Sacramento, and Head of the Political and Economic Affairs Department at the Embassy of Mexico in Paraguay.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Law from La Salle University, three master's Degrees: Legal Sociology from the International Institute of Legal Sociology at Oñate, Spain, International Transactions and Comparative Law by the San Francisco University Law School, American Law by Houston University, and a Diploma in Public Administration from the Universidad Iberoamericana.



Esteban Mezzano is General Counsel Operations & Sustainability at Nestlé, based in Switzerland (headquarters).

With over 20 years of experience as a business lawyer in Nestlé in different countries, Esteban currently leads a global legal team dedicated to supporting the Group's Corporate Operations (procurement, agriculture, manufacturing, supply chain, and sustainability). On sustainability, his team oversees the legal dimension of important ESG regulations and commitments made by Nestlé, such as those related to climate change, plastic packaging, water, and human rights.

Tomás Pascual Ricke is currently Human Rights Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile. He graduated with an LL.B. from the Universidad de Chile and a Master in Law specialising in International Human Rights Law from London School of Economics and Political Science. He holds a Diploma in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law from the American University. He is a lawyer with more than ten years of experience in litigation related to gross human rights violations, design and elaboration of public policies in matters of human mobility, and security and human rights. He is a UNHCR consultant for projects on children and statelessness, and head of the Human Rights Unit of the Public Defender's Office and university lecturer in human rights and human mobility.

He is the author of several academic articles and winner of the Human Rights Essay Award of the Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Academy of American University, Washington College of Law.





Emmanuel Umpula is the director and founder of Afrewatch. He is a lawyer who has been working since 2002 to defend and promote human rights in the DRC and in Africa on business and human rights. He is currently working on a south-south synergy on the issue of energy transition and climate change, but also the creation of a new narrative on the subject as well as the formalization of the artisanal mining sector in the DRC, particularly in the copper and cobalt sector.

During his career, he has held several positions and has conducted and participated in several investigative studies and has strengthened the capacity of local communities and other actors on business and human rights issues (for instance contributing to the revision of the Congolese mining code and regulations and the OECD Guidelines). He has also carried out advocacy at the national and international level (participated in several campaigns); and initiated several complaints against companies in DRC and at the international level to defend the rights of local communities, using the OECD Guidelines and against the Congolese state before the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (for instance in the case of the massacres of Kilwe against the Australian-Canadian company Anvil Mining, the demolition of the village Kawama against the mining company Malta Forrest International, and against Heineken by its former workers, etc.).

Olena Uvarova is Associate Professor since 2018 and leads the International Lab on Business and Human Rights at Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Kharkiv, Ukraine). In June 2022, she joined Wageningen University, Law Group, as a Visiting Researcher. Since 2017, she has been working on BHR in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Dr. Uvarova was the author of the National Baseline Assessment on BHR in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice. Olena is a guest Co-Editor of the Special Issue on BHR in Eastern Europe for 'Business and Human Rights Journal'. She co-founded the Central and Eastern European Association on Business and Human Rights to advance peer-to-peer learning and networking across the region.

In 2022, she published a study entitled "Responsible Business Conduct in Times of War: Implications for Essential Goods and Services Providers in Ukraine". She presented different aspects of her study at several events in 2022, in particular during the UN Forum on BHR.



Aditi Wanchoo is a Senior Manager at Novartis, responsible for the strategic development and implementation of Novartis' human rights program, focusing especially on human & labour rights in the company's supply chain. Previously, Aditi led Adidas' modern slavery outreach program globally. Aditi's experience over the past 20 years spans multiple industries from Retail, Financial Services, Media & Entertainment to Information Technology.

Her roles have ranged from leading grant giving for Accenture India's Corporate Citizenship programme to establishing fundraising processes for Greenpeace, an international environmental non-profit to leading the resource development function at Leonard Cheshire, a global disability rights non-profit.

Aditi holds a post graduate degree in Organizational Behavior and Industrial Psychology. She is an Indian national currently based in Switzerland.

Marie-Aude Ziadé represents French and foreign companies from all sectors, international organizations, investment funds, and senior executives in strategic litigation and arbitral proceedings. She also acts as arbitrator and mediator.

Through her experience both as external counsel and GC Head of Disputes (Areva), Marie-Aude has developed cross-disciplinary skills allowing her to handle some of the most sensitive cases with a 360° approach. She regularly shares her experience and thoughts on the best way to solve disputes arising from the breach of Human Rights by major companies, during the course of their activities.

