Teaching Business and Human Rights Workshop
Monday and Tuesday, May 18-19th, 2015
Columbia University, New York, NY

AGENDA

MONDAY – May 18th, 2015

Jerome Greene Annex (enter through the courtyard next to 435 West 116th Street)
Columbia University, New York, NY

Coffee 8:30 am

Welcome and Introductions 9:00 am

I. Non-Judicial Grievance Mechanisms:
Teaching Strategies and Materials 9:30 am – 11:00 am

How are participants teaching non-judicial grievance mechanisms? What are the most effective materials and methodologies to introduce corporate accountability mechanisms like the OECD National Contact Point specific instances complaints?

Presenters: Karin Buhmann, Copenhagen Business School
Sarah Knuckey, Columbia Law School

Break

II. The State Duty to Protect Human Rights:
National Action Plans, Legislative Developments 11:15 am – 12:45 pm

Spurred by the UN Working Group’s call for states to develop national action plans (NAPs) on business and human rights, European states have rolled out the first tranche of NAPs and there are fledgling debates in the Global South about the viability and appetite for NAPs. In Europe and elsewhere, legislative proposals would make corporate human rights due diligence mandatory. This session considers these recent developments and how to integrate the state duty to protect into our teaching.

Presenters: Sheldon Leader, University of Essex, School of Law
Rachel Chambers, University of Essex, School of Law
Joanne Bauer, Columbia University, School of International & Public Affairs
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Lunch 12:45 pm

III. Using Simulations/Role Plays in the Classroom 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Teaching Forum members will introduce simulations or role-plays used successfully in the classroom.

Presenters: Mark Wielga, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law
Lisa Laplante, New England School of Law
Meg Roggensack, Georgetown University Law Center
Nina Gardner, Johns Hopkins, School of Advanced International Studies

Break

IV. Public Lecture 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Jerome Greene Hall, Room 102A
435 West 116th Street

The Shareholder Value Myth and Corporate Responsibility
– Lynn Stout
Distinguished Professor of Corporate and Business Law, Clarke Business Law Institute, Cornell Law School

Dinner Amsterdam Restaurant and Tapas Lounge 6:30 pm
1207 Amsterdam Avenue (between W. 119th and W. 120th Streets)
http://www.amsterdamrestaurant.com

We have reserved space for Workshop Participants and guests to meet in the downstairs lounge at this local restaurant a few blocks north of the law school. Food and drinks are available a la carte. The restaurant accepts cash and credit cards.
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Coffee 8:30 am

V. Business and Human Rights in Emerging Economies 9:00 am – 10:30 am

With an emphasis on developments in China, this session will explore how emerging market multinationals and emerging market home states are engaged in BHR. The session will consider new research areas as well as how to bring this focus to the classroom.

Presenters: Liang Xiaohui, Peking University Law School
Sara Seck, Western University

VI. Civil Society-led BHR Initiatives 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Researchers and advocates have begun to turn their attention to how to improve corporate human rights due diligence through civil society and/or community monitoring, assessment and grievance mechanism design. This session will explore these new initiatives and their implications for teaching human rights due diligence.

Presenters: Tyler Giannini, Harvard Law School
Larry Catá Backer, Pennsylvania State University

VII. Opportunities for Collaboration 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Participants will discuss ongoing and potential opportunities for collaboration among Teaching Forum participants.

Workshop Close 1:00 pm

Research Network 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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Workshop participants are invited to attend an additional afternoon session (see Agenda below) of a new research network on public and private CSR governance funded by the Danish Science and Technology Agency. This session will brainstorm potential educational initiatives on business and human rights, with an emphasis on education in the Global South. (Note: Lunch will be provided prior to this session.)
International Network Grant project funded by the Danish Agency for Science and Technology:
CSR between Public and Private – Public institutional conditions for the generation and implementation of CSR norms in Denmark, China and the US

Workshop in New York City, 19-21 May 2015: Day 1 (19 May afternoon - session is open to participants at the Teaching Business & Human Rights Forum)

Venue:
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13:15-14:00: Lunch (sponsored by Copenhagen Business School)

Topic day one: Discuss teaching human rights in business related contexts focusing on ‘on the ground’ challenges of businesses and how to connect the legal aspects of human rights with the managerial issues of production, economy, competition, human resources, supply chain and value chain management.

Particular issue to guide the discussion: labour rights in a CSR context, with a particular focus on the challenges of transmitting the normative issues inherent in labour rights as norms of international (human rights) law from the governmental policy/law context to the operational context in business organisations.

14:00-15:00: Network group members introduce the Network’s background, aims, composition to Teaching workshop participants
Brief introductions by participants (if newcomers)

15:00-16:15: Discussion: teaching human rights in business related contexts
- Identification of ‘on the ground’ challenges of businesses
- Examples for practice: insights of participants on global human rights challenges in managerial practices at all levels of a firm
- How to connect the legal aspects of human rights with the managerial issues of production, economy, competition, human resources, supply chain and value chain management
- Among other potential examples for focused discussion: labour rights in a CSR context
  Challenges of transmitting the normative issues inherent in labour rights as norms of international (human rights) law from the governmental policy/law context to the operational context in business organisations.

16:15-17: Open discussion: Linkages between the Teaching Forum and the Network Group (other groups/initiatives) – teaching, research, funding; ideas