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HOSTS:



Beata Faracik is a Co-founder and President of the Board at the [Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business](#).

A legal expert specialized in Human Rights & Business and RBC/CSR, she has approximately 20 years of professional experience in public, private, and NGO sectors in various countries, including the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Poland), Criminal Justice System and the NSPCC (UK). She completed assignments for the European Parliament, UNDP, OSCE, MFA, and has contributed in an expert capacity and moderated discussions on BHR at the European level and UN level, incl. at the UN Forum on BHR.

A member of the Sustainable Development and CSR Committee, an advisory body to the Minister of Funds and Regional Development, as well as a member of its Working Group on the development of the non-financial reporting and pro-bono coordinator of the interministerial and multistakeholder Working Group on relations with Workers, tasked with developing legislative recommendations and practical tools to prevent and persecute THB and forced labour.

Co-founder of the CSR Watch Coalition Poland and the Central and Eastern European Association on Business and Human Rights. Member of the BHRight Initiative for Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching on BHR and Teaching BHR Forum. CEE region advisor at Global Business Initiative. Member of the Advisory Board of Amnesty International Poland and UNAP. One of the 50 women of Polish CSR on the FOB 2013 list. One of the 25 Leaders of Sustainability in Poland (Women Forbes List 2021).

She regularly conducts training sessions and workshops on BHR for business and other actors, and has taught as Guest Lecturer at postgraduate studies at i.a. Vistula University, Bergen University, Sopotka Akademia Nauk Stosowanych. She is also a guest Co-Editor of the Special Issue on Business and Human Rights in Eastern Europe for the 'Business and Human Rights Journal' (Cambridge University Press) and a member of the journal's Developments in the Filed editorial panel.

She holds a master's degree in Law and an MA in International relations/European Affairs from the Adam Mickiewicz University and an LL.M. in Human Rights and Intellectual Property Law (WIPO WA Fellow) from the Raoul Wallenberg Institute/Lund University and WIPO Worldwide Academy.



Dr Olena Uvarova is an Associate Professor of Law, Head of the International Lab on BHR at [Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University](#).

Since 2018, she has led the International Lab on Business and Human Rights at the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University in Kharkiv.

She is the author of [the National Baseline Assessment on Business and Human Rights in Ukraine](#) and co-founder of [the Central and Eastern European Association on Business and Human Rights](#). Olena is also a guest Co-Editor of the Special Issue on Business and Human Rights in Eastern Europe for the 'Business and Human Rights Journal' (Cambridge University Press) and a member of the journal's editorial board.

Many initiatives on Business and Human Rights were implemented through her coordination on the national, regional and international level, in particular: Human Rights and Business were subjects of the panel discussions during the [Annual Kharkiv Legal Forum in 2017-2021](#) (representatives from 30 countries participated); co-organizing of the special session on BHR in Eastern Europe during the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights in 2020 and 2021; organizing of the side event on forced labour and migration in the context of corporate accountability during the 1st Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights in Eastern Europe and Central Asia; co-organizing of regional consultation on international investment agreements and human rights initiated by the UN Working group on Business and Human Rights (April 2021); co-organizing the BHR week initiated by the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights on the 10th Anniversary of the UN Guiding Principles in Business and Human Rights (June 2021); Within the Erasmus plus project HRLAW the [manual on Business and Human Rights](#) was developed and published (the first BHR manual in Ukraine).

Speakers:

WEBINAR #1: 27TH OCTOBER 2022; 12.30 – 14.00 CET

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion – Challenges and How to Answer Them



Dr Khalida Azhigulova holds a PhD in Law from the University of Leicester, United Kingdom, and a Master's degree in Law (Magister Juris) from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom. She is an independent researcher and UN consultant on prevention of sexualized exploitation and abuse.

Currently, she is a part-time Associate Professor and the Director of the Centre for Research of Human Rights, Inclusion and Civil Society at the [Eurasian Technological University in Almaty](#), Kazakhstan.

As a scholar and experienced lawyer, Khalida participates in the development of important laws on human rights and civil society in Kazakhstan. She is a member and expert of parliamentary working groups on the development of legislation on prevention of domestic violence, gender-based violence, inclusion of gender quotas to Parliament and Government, and protection of the rights of the child.

She is the author of over 40 research and analytical articles and book chapters.



Iryna Fedorovych is a director of the NGO Center "Social Action".

She is a human rights, non-discrimination and inclusion professional with fifteen years of experience in the field.

She is an author of numerous studies, reports and handbooks on the topic, as well as a professional educator and trainer on diversity and inclusion.

Her competencies include research and analysis of human rights status-quo in a given region, developing advocacy campaigns, and senior management of NGOs, consultancy for international organizations.



Małgorzata Chrzanowska – Rokacz is D&I and External Relations Expert in [LPP](#). She has several years of experience in managing CSR and ESG projects. Coordinator of work on the preparation of the Human Rights Policy and the Diversity Policy of the Polish clothing manufacturer. Responsible for managing the ethical system of the LPP Group and the implementation of procedures related to the fulfillment of the guidelines of the EU directive on the protection of whistleblowers.

Initiator of cooperation with social economy entities and projects in the field of employee volunteering.



Kamil Kuhr is Associate Director (Learning Technology & Inclusion). He manages equality training and education initiatives. He has co-founded the LGBTQIA+ ERG at AstraZeneca and is a PhD candidate at the SWPS University of the Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw.

Kamil has completed the summer human rights course Humanity in Action. His interests include social inclusion of refugees and LGBTQIA+.



Anna Kompanek is the Director for Global Programs at the [Center for International Private Enterprise \(CIPE\)](#). In this role, she manages a portfolio of programs spanning emerging and frontier markets around the world focused on CIPE's core themes of business advocacy, combating corruption, strengthening entrepreneurship ecosystems, and women's economic empowerment.

Her particular expertise, including training and capacity building for private sector organizations, is in the areas of anti-corruption compliance and association governance and management. Kompanek holds a designation of Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional-International (CCEP-I) awarded by Compliance and Certification Board, and she is a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Institute for Organization Management (IOM), the premier nonprofit professional development program for association, chamber, and nonprofit professionals. She also holds a professional certificate from Babson College's program „Driving Economic Growth Through Scale-Up Ecosystems.”

Kompanek has authored and co-authored numerous publications addressing the challenges of political and economic reform around the world. Prior to joining CIPE, she worked as a business consultant in Poland on the issues of competitiveness and market entry in Central and Eastern Europe, and in Washington, DC on the global strategy of major corporations. She holds a BA from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a Master's degree in German and European Studies from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, and an MBA from George Mason University.

Ethical Principles of Business and NGO Cooperation



Finnbogason Sævar Arii is a Board Member of [Alda - Association for Sustainable Democracy](#) and Phd Student in the [University of Iceland, Faculty of Philosophy, History and Archaeology](#) and a lecturer at [Bifröst University](#).

He specializes in issues from the field of political philosophy, democracy, democratic theory, deliberative democracy, participatory democracy, political ethics and critical thinking.



Katarzyna Batko-Tołuć is a **Programme Director and a Board Member of the** [Citizens Network Watchdog Poland](#). Through litigation, advocacy and building a grass-root social movement, the organisation aims at enforcing freedom of information, freedom of speech, transparency of governments and accountability of decision-making.

Katarzyna is also a member of the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum's Solidarity Group, International Advisory Board of Access Info Europe and an Asoka Fellow.

In 2022 she graduated from RARE - Re-Charging Advocacy for Rights in Europe by Hertie School, Hungarian Helsinki Committee and the Netherlands Helsinki Committee.



Maciej Nowicki is a President of the Board of the [Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights](#), Poland—one of the leading human rights NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe.

Lawyer, expert on human rights, the rule of law, and documentary film, conducted training sessions, gave lectures, participated in various panel debates, and served on several juries at international film festivals.

Co-founder of the International Film Festival WATCH DOCS. Human Rights in Film in Warsaw, established in 2001, and till 2021 its Director. Author of the concept behind the FUTURE DOCS international platform for creative encounters between human rights defenders and documentary filmmakers.

Holding Corporations Accountable.

Impact of Jurisprudence and Non-judicial Mechanisms



Dr Ekaterina Aristova is a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow at the [Bonavero Institute of Human Rights in Oxford](#).

Her research focuses on the access to justice for victims of business-related human rights violations in the UK. She has published widely on the viability of strategic human rights accountability.

Ekaterina completed a PhD in Law at the University of Cambridge.



Bartosz Kwiatkowski is a lawyer with 12 years of professional experience, the director of the [Frank Bold Foundation](#), vice-president of the Polish Institute of Human Rights and Business and the member of the Programme Board of the Development Yes – Open Pit Mines No Foundation.

A legal expert to Polish and international non-governmental organizations. A representative of non-governmental organizations in administrative proceedings and legislative processes regarding environmental protection and air-quality.

The author of numerous studies, legal analyzes and guidebooks for citizens and civil servants concerning the environmental protection of air quality, protection of forests, waste management, protection of pollinating insects, anti-corruption, lobbying transparency, human rights in business and non-financial reporting.

He is responsible for coordinating environmental law projects relating to the transformation of the current Polish energy system, air quality and climate change.

A lecturer at workshops on the scope of air quality legal issues for civil servants and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights for employees of OECD NCPs from CEE countries and NGOs representatives. The author of specific instances within OECD NCP procedure regarding the violation of OECD guidelines for multinational enterprises in the field of human rights and environmental protection, including issues relating to air-quality, climate change and non-financial reporting.



Dr Bohdan Karnaukh is Associate Professor at the Department of Civil Law, [Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University](#) and co-director of Joint Master Degree Program „European and International Business Law”. He holds a PhD in Law.

He is an author of more than 80 scientific publications, amongst which monographs, commentaries to the Civil Code of Ukraine and articles in Ukrainian and foreign law journals.

His area of expertise: contract and tort law.

In October 2020 he took part in Comparative Law Research Roundtable on Civil Liability for Human Rights Violations, run by Bonavero Institute of Human Rights (University of Oxford), where made a report on tort law and human rights in Ukraine.



Ana Dangova Hug works as a lawyer and co-founder of [INTER PARTES](#), the leading law firm in North Macedonia that offers a package of legal services to clients to enable them to work in line with the UNGPs and CRBPs. She has received the Award for Commitment to Promoting Human Rights in Business (2019) and a Recognition for Promoting the SDGs (2020) both by KONEKT, the national contact point for the UN Global Compact. Further, in partnership with Global Justice Advisors, she oversees the 'Collation' Better Business in the Balkans', a network of NGOs and human rights institutions to advance human rights in business in the six non-EU Western Balkan countries.

She has been working as a consultant, researcher and trainer for a range of stakeholders, including Columbia University, Council of Europe and UNICEF, designing and delivering publications and trainings for legal professionals, businesses, and human rights defenders on a range of topics, from freedom of expression to EU regulation on human rights due diligence.

Her latest piece of work is a *Handbook for Lawyers, Legal Practitioners and Interns* developed for the NGO MYLA (2021) that focuses on the ethical norms and standards of legal professionals when dealing with discriminatory practices at the workplace.

Area of expertise: Business and human rights; International human rights law; Litigation in front of national courts and ECHR.

Children Rights and Business



Dr Gamze Erdem Türkelli is an Assistant Research Professor of International Law, Human Rights and Sustainable Development at the Law & Development Research Group, [University of Antwerp](#).

Dr Erdem Turkelli's work focuses on hybrid actors under international law, transnational human rights obligations, children's rights, business and human rights and international legal responsibility.

She is the author of *Children's Rights and Business: Governing Obligations and Responsibility* (CUP 2020), co-author of *Children's Rights: A Commentary on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols* (Edward Elgar 2019) and of *Advanced Introduction to Children's Rights* (Edward Elgar 2022).



Olya Peneva is a human rights practitioner committed to advancing the business and human rights agenda in Bulgaria and SEE.

Olya is currently working in the ESG field at [Sofia University](#) and is establishing an NGO focused on building awareness of business and human rights in Bulgaria.

Olya holds a bachelor's degree in law from Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. In 2021, Olya was awarded a Master's degree from the EMA Global Campus on Human Rights and Democratization. In her research, she focused on the intersection of business and human rights and gender equality in Bulgaria. In her consultancy role at UNICEF

Bulgaria, she was part of the new 'Business for results' initiative that focused on non-financial engagement with business and achieving programme results for children through co-creation and partnerships. Olya speaks Bulgarian, Russian, English and Spanish. Olya believes that we can advance human rights through technology and innovation.



Sigurveig Þórhallsdóttir is a Legal Advisor at the Office of the [Ombudsman for Children in Iceland](#).

She holds a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the University of Iceland and she was awarded a Master's degree from the University of Iceland on Law.

Before working as a Legal Advisor at the Office of the Ombudsman of Children she worked for VR, the Store and Office Workers Union in Iceland, which is the largest Union in Iceland.