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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 • 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> - 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	Workshop – Case study presentations with focus on HRDD Group 1 (in person only) 1) Valeriia Poiedynok 2) Akaki Kukhaleishvili 3) Kaja Thiele 4) Gulnaz Baiturova 5) Olya Peneva Moderator: Prof. Jernej Letnar Čerňič, PhD Commentators: Beata Faracik (PIHRB), Bartosz Kwiatkowski (FBF, PIHRB) Group 2 (hybrid, with simultaneous translation provided). 1) Snizhana Shevchenko (online) 2) Krystyna Danikowska (online) 3) Murat Karypov 4) Ruhiyya Isayeva 5) Franciszek Nowak Moderator: Joanna Szymonek (PIHRB) Commentators: Olena Uvarova, PhD (YMNU), Katherine Booth (SOMO/OECD Watch) Support: Małgorzata Szlendak (PIHRB)
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>

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