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Previously Maxime worked at the French national equality body, the Défenseur des Droits, where he was in charge of discrimination and harassment prevention in the workplace.

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She is Associate Professor in the LAW group at Wageningen University (WUR, the Netherlands).

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She is the author of *Business and Human Rights. History, Law and Policy* (Routledge, 2017). She has published numerous academic articles in law and business journals and has been teaching business and human rights since 2010.

She founded and runs [Rights as Usual](#) (a business and human rights blog) and is the book review editor of the Business and Human Rights Journal.



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Her research addresses issues of international law and human rights, natural resource governance, and questions of inequality and social justice.

She has extensive expertise in indigenous peoples' rights, particularly those of the Saami.

From 2019 to 2023, she served as the chair of the Nordic Network for Sámi and Indigenous Peoples Law.

Currently, her research critically examines the challenges posed by the "green" transition, specifically its impacts in the Arctic. She is particularly interested in critical studies exploring the role of law as a form of social regulation, including the responsibilities of corporate actors and the broader economy, and welcomes supervision in this field.



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He has published extensively on business and human rights, the rule of law and human rights law. Jernej has recently published two academic monographs, namely: "Corporate accountability under socio-economic rights", Oxon; New York: Routledge, 2020, and "The Impact of European Institutions on the Rule of Law and Democracy: Slovenia and Beyond" Oxford, Hart (Bloomsbury), 2020 (with Matej Avbelj). His studies have been cited in the reports of the United Nations, the European Parliament and the Council of Europe, in decisions of the Slovenian Constitutional Court and academic studies from all parts of the world.

He has been active in various roles in Slovenian and global civil society, participating in numerous domestic and international humanitarian projects.



Dr Rebecca DeWinter-Schmitt

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Rebecca is an expert in business and human rights whose two-decade career spans key consulting, advocacy, and academic roles to promote corporate respect for human rights. Prior to joining the

ICCR team, Rebecca resided with her family in Berlin where she supported public and private sector organizations, to include the

German government. She has advised companies in various industries on identifying and addressing their human rights impacts and co-founded a risk management consultancy specializing in helping organizations mitigate human rights risks associated with operating in complex environments. She has contributed extensively to standard setting in the private security industry.



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She is a Chief Adviser on Human Rights and Energy Transition at the Danish Institute for Human Rights based in Copenhagen, Denmark. She is an Environmental, Social and Human Rights Impact specialist who has over 20 years of working experience in international environmental, energy and extractive projects and value chains in Latin America, Europe, South East Asia, Africa and the Arctic. She is the past president of the International Association for Impact Assessment.

After more than 20 years as a consultant leading and carrying out human rights, social and environmental impact assessments, due diligence and management plans, her current work focus on capacity development, advisory and research for responsible business conduct and policy development, promotion of multistakeholder initiatives and strengthening the role of states for a just energy transition with respect of human rights. She co-authored one chapter for the [Handbook on Human Rights Impact Assessment](#), several academic articles on impact assessment and a [Study on Business, Environment and Human Rights in Honduras](#) with focus on renewable energy. She also represents the Danish Institute for Human Rights in the [International Renewable Energy RBC agreement](#).

Gabriela has extensive hands-on experience with the training of technical staff, governmental officers, financial institution, civil society organizations and indigenous groups in environmental and social issues, gender mainstreaming, energy transition and ESIA's. She has provided numerous tailored training courses for, among others, World Bank, EIB, IADB, IFC, DANIDA, FINIDA, SIDA and UNDP. Gabriela was a developer and trainer of the Masterclass on Human Rights in Impact Assessment, the 2 week course "Land access,

Resettlement and Social Sustainability” at Groningen University, the 8 weeks online Social Impact Assessment training course at Strathclyde University and a series of courses in presence and online for Impact Assessment practitioners and IFC clients in Myanmar, Vietnam and Nepal.

Gabriela has a Masters in Environmental Engineering from the Technical University of Denmark and holds qualifications on gender, resettlement and health impact assessment. She is a native Spanish speaker, fluent in English and Danish, and speaks some Portuguese.



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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, Sopotcka 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.



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She holds a PhD in Politics from Oxford Brookes University. She has developed an interdisciplinary research profile combining perspectives from socio-legal, global governance and organization studies that reflect her experience in both policy and advocacy work and academic research in the field of Business and Human Rights. Her research focuses on the meaning and translation of human rights in business organizations, the responsibility of business in contexts of forced migration including regarding the protection and integration of refugees, and human rights education in business schools.

She has worked with several British Non-Governmental Organizations in the field of Business and Human Rights and co-authored several policy reports based on fieldwork in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Turkey and Jordan.

Her recent article 'Migrant Workers' 'Rights-Talk' in the British Hospitality Sector' was awarded the 2019 Best Paper by the Business and Human Rights Journal and is book review editor of the journal.



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Marian directs the OECD Watch network. She plans and undertakes the network's strategic and logistical activities. She advises complaints to National Contact Points and appeals to the OECD Investment Committee. She also engages in advocacy towards the OECD secretariat and individual states to encourage improvement and coherence on human rights, labour

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Before joining SOMO in 2018, Marian completed a research grant in India on gender budgeting and gender mainstreaming in sustainable finance. Prior to that, she provided research, advocacy, legislative drafting, and litigation support for NGOs in Myanmar, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Marian also served for four years as the foreign, trade, and defense policy advisor to a U.S. Senator.

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Dr Lyra Jakulevičienė

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Ms. Jakulevičienė is international legal scholar specialising in international and European Union law, human rights law in particular, for more than two decades. She is a Professor and the Dean of the Law School of Mykolas Romeris University in Lithuania. Since 2005, she has pioneered on business engagement in human rights issues in the Central and Eastern European region, fostered development of business networks and guidance and advised on development of national actions plans in this area, and co-initiated social labelling initiatives.

Ms. Jakulevičienė has served as a member of the Management and Executive Boards of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, and a co-arbitrator at the OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. From 1997 to 2013, Ms. Jakulevičienė worked in United Nations organisations, including UNHCR and UNDP in Lithuania, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine. She has contributed to legislative and policy developments, trained legal professionals, including judges, officials and civil society members throughout 20 years at European and national level, and designed European training modules. Ms. Jakulevičienė is a member of the European Law Institute and Odysseus Legal Academic Network, and has been a long-serving national reporter at the Observatory on Free Movement of Workers in Europe. Ms. Jakulevičienė has authored over 50 scholarly publications, published and edited several books, led numerous research projects in human rights, migration, asylum and related themes. Among her recent scientific interests are human rights and technologies, and climate change litigation.



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She holds a PhD in social sciences in the field of sociological sciences. Her research interests focus on the sociology of human rights, changes in modernity and capitalism, as well as the impact of climate change and the development of new technologies on human rights.

Expert in the field of human rights, responsible business conduct, non-financial reporting and due diligence standards (CSR/RBC, ESG, DD).

Mediator in civil and commercial cases.

In public administration at the government and international levels (OECD, EU and UN) she has been dealing with responsible business conduct issues for over 10 years.

She represents Poland in the OECD Working Group for Responsible Business Conduct, and since 2017 also as a member of the Bureau of this Group.

Moderator of many conferences, workshops and meetings related to responsible business conduct, sustainable development, non-financial reporting, business and human rights as well.



Murat Karypov

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He works as a project coordinator at the civil society organization “Bir Duino Kyrgyzstan” on promotion and protection of local communities’ rights to decision making processes on the methodology “from local to global”, legal support for the local people from the risks and threats, socio-economic and ecological development of the regions and increasing transparency and accountability according to UN Guiding principles on business and human rights. Moreover, implemented by Murat Karypov work also includes advancement of UN SDGs 5, 10, 13, 17, democratic reforms, the rule of law in Kyrgyzstan.

Through his career, Murat Karypov is actively engaged in the process of human rights protection and creation of sustainable mechanism of transparent election system by independent monitoring all over Kyrgyzstan during President and Parliamentary elections.

He also works as a lawyer on international law and a certified trainer of the European Peer Training Organization (EPTO) on promotion of gender equality and human rights.

Mr. Karypov has successfully graduated from the Kyrgyz State University with the Bachelor and Master’s Degree in International Law and also holds the Master’s Degree in International Relations from the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan.



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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.

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A business and human rights expert, her recent research has focused on climate due diligence. She has led a Marie Skłodowska-Curie project on Business and Human Rights within the policies of the EU.

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Claire has twenty years' experience of advising governments, international businesses, international development agencies, financial institutions, and human rights organisations on human rights and business and human rights matters.

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She has twenty years' experience of advising governments, international businesses, international development agencies, financial institutions, and human rights organisations on business and human rights matters. She has published 3 draft framework-style instruments on business and human rights that have attracted attention and discussion amongst governments and other actors. Her work has been cited by the United Nations, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Union. Claire's publications include the Council of Europe's [Business and human rights. A Handbook for Legal Practitioners](#), [Public procurement and human rights: Opportunities, Risks and Dilemmas for the State as Buyer](#). Claire sits on the Editorial Board of the *Business and Human Rights Journal* (Cambridge University Press).



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Siniša has over 20 years' experience as a human rights lawyer, advocate and researcher. He has held management and consulting positions for

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Prior to joining SOAS he was Professor of Law and International Business at Kent Law School, University of Kent (2001-5) and was the Draper's Professor of Law in the Law Department of Queen Mary, University of London, from 1998 to 2001. He was a Lecturer in Law at Kent Law School between 1981 and 1983 and then at the London School of Economics (LSE) from 1983 to 1996. In 1996 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer and remained at the LSE until his first professorial appointment in 1998 to Queen Mary.

He specialises in the regulation of multinational enterprises, international investment law and business and human rights having published numerous articles, book chapters and papers in these areas. He is the author of *Multinational Enterprises and the Law* (Third edition, Oxford University Press, 2021) and co-editor (with Dr Federico Ortino and Professor Christoph Schreuer) of the *Oxford Handbook of International Investment Law* (Oxford University Press, 2008) to which he also contributed three chapters. He has co-edited (with Julia Black and Paul Walker) *Commercial Regulation and Judicial Review* (Hart Publishing, 1998). He has recently completed a new introductory book on business and human rights entitled *Advanced Introduction to Business and Human Rights* (Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming July 2022).

He acted as a principal legal adviser to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on investment issues for fourteen years between 1997 and 2012. During the period of June-October 2003 he was on leave of absence from Kent Law School and worked at UNCTAD in Geneva as a Senior Legal Expert in the Division on Investment Technology and Enterprise Development (now the Division on Investment and Enterprise). He was, until its dissolution in August 2008, Co-Rapporteur to the International Law Association Committee on the International Law on Foreign Investment. He acted as Adviser to the International Commission of Jurists Expert Panel on Corporate Complicity in International Crimes between 2006-2008.



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In her work, she aims to apply an interdisciplinary approach when addressing issues related to the impact of business on human rights.

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As a former journalist (26 years in newspapers and radio), he closely follows current affairs and diplomatic relations, particularly in Europe, the Middle East and parts of Asia. He has travelled widely to many parts of the world, including conflict zones.



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Certified business trainer, project manager, tutor, mediator. In her consulting and training activities she uses innovative teaching methods such as: online tools, case studies, design thinking or visual thinking. She has been engaged as an expert in different international, educational and research projects relating to social responsibility and sustainable development. The author and co-author of numerous academic papers, books and related materials.



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Prior to joining Levin Sources in 2022, Julie was Senior Advisor at Shift and, previous to that, Director of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement at the Responsible Business Alliance. In these roles she provided expert advising, facilitation and training to companies, governments, civil society, trade unions and investors on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, with a particular focus on responsible sourcing, multistakeholder approaches, transparency, and accountability. She believes passionately in the importance of multistakeholder dialogue to address complex business and human rights challenges and has extensive experience facilitating and moderating multistakeholder dialogue in

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Before establishing her focus on business and human rights, Julie worked as a policy, advocacy and communications lead for Oxfam and Save the Children in humanitarian emergencies in Haiti and Somalia. She began her career as an editor and reporter in radio, television and online news, including for National Public Radio in the US. A dual national of the US and Germany, Julie holds degrees in International Relations and Music from Tufts University. She works in English, German and French and is based in Berlin, Germany.



Andrea Shemberg

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She regularly teaches business and human rights as a short course at the London School of Economics and guest lectures at law schools and for master's courses.



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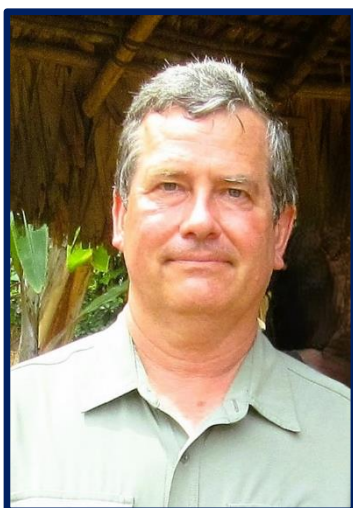
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Many initiatives on Business and Human Rights were implemented through her coordination on the national, regional and international level, in particular: Human Rights and Business were subjects of the panel discussions during the [Annual Kharkiv Legal 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).



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He is a Director of Nomogaia, a non-profit think-tank devoted to business and human rights.

He has over twenty-five years direct experience with human rights in action. He has developed human rights due diligence methods for company operations and supply chains. He has led in-depth studies of non-governmental human rights complaint mechanisms. He has managed and performed human rights impact assessments on large footprint corporate projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Mr. Wielga has worked with transnational corporations to design and implement corporate human rights policies as well as emergency responses to urgent human rights controversies.

He has taught, lectured and published on business and human rights in universities and various institutions around the world.