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PROGRAMME

3rd Central and Eastern Europe & Central Asia Summer Academy on Business and Human Rights

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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE CORE SUMMER ACADEMY*

Day 1 - 24 September 2025 (Wednesday)	
9.00 – 09.15 CEST**	Opening and welcome by organizers Beata Faracik, LL.M. Co-founder and President of the Board at the Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business (PIHRB) Dr Olena Uvarova Associate Professor of Law, Head of the International Lab on BHR at the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, Business and Human Rights Specialist, UNDP
9.15 – 10.00	CEE&CA SA Participants – introductions & expectations
10.00 – 10.30	KEY NOTE address by Prof. Lyra Jakulevičienė Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights; Professor of Law, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	Implementing the UNGPs: Global Trends & Current Challenges Dr Nadia Bernaz Associate Professor of Law at the Wageningen University
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	BHR & Environment. New dimensions and challenges Assistant Professor Chiara Macchi Wageningen University, LAW group
15.00 – 15.20	Break
15.20 – 16.25	OECD Guidelines and Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) Marian Ingrams Director, OECD Watch
16.30 – 17.00	Snapshot Session with Dr Jacqueline Kacprzak Counsellor CSR Unit, Polish OECD National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct, European Affairs and International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy

* To participate in the Core Programme, participants will have to complete a Self-Learning Component of approx. 10 hours (forming first part of the Summer Academy) and pass a short online test. The aim is to ensure that all participants enter the core programme with a minimum common understanding of the basic concepts and issues to enable active participation.

** All times CEST (Warsaw)

Day 2 - 25 September 2025 (Thursday)	
9.00 – 09.05	Recap
9.05 – 10.30	Pillar I - State Duty to Protect Prof. Jernej Letnar Černič Full Professor at the New University (Ljubljana/Kranj, Slovenia), Visiting Professor at the European University Viadrina (Frankfurt [Oder], Germany) and at the Riga Graduate School of Law (Latvia)
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	Pillar II - Corporate responsibility to respect human rights, with focus on the human rights due diligence in the value chain Julie Schindall Director of Responsible Sourcing and Responsible Investment, Levin Sources
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	HR Impact Assessment Gabriele Factor Chief Advisor on Human Rights and Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights
15.00 – 15.15	Break
15.15 – 16.30	Integrating Human Rights into other types of impact assessments Gabriele Factor
16.35 – 17.00	Snapshot Session with Théo Jaekel Founder & Business and Human Rights Advisor, Jaekel Consulting

Day 3 - 26 September 2025 (Friday)	
9.00 – 09.15	HR Policy - core elements Beata Faracik
9.15 – 10.30	The role of investors in UNGPs embedding by companies Dr hab Robert Sroka Partner and ESG Director at Abris Capital Partners
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	Pillar III - Access to remedy Dr Claire Bright Associate Professor in Private Law and the Founder and Director of the NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights and the Environment at NOVA Law School in Lisbon
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.15	NCP OECD grievance mechanism - underused or ineffective? Selected case studies Bartosz Kwiatkowski Director of the Frank Bold Foundation
14.20 – 15.10	Meaningful stakeholder engagement Dr Samentha Goethals Assistant Professor in Business & Society at SKEMA Business School, Visiting Fellow at Copenhagen Business School
15.10 – 15.30	Break
15.30 – 16.30	BHR in challenging contexts. Heightened HRDD Dr Olena Uvarova & Dr Siniša Milatović Business and Human Rights Specialist, UNDP HQ
16.35 – 17.00	Snapshot session with Mark Wielga Director of NomoGaia

Weekend break
(27-28 September 2025)

Day 4 - 29 September 2025 (Monday)	
9.00 – 09.30	Recap of the first 3 days / Q&A
9.30 – 11.00	BHR and Human Rights Due Diligence in practice Maxime Belingheri Human Rights Manager, L'Oreal
11.00 – 11.20	Break
11.20 – 12.50	Being a business practitioner Ron Popper Chief Executive Officer, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights
12.50 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 15.15	Supply chain: a case study Ron Popper
15.15 – 15.35	Break
15.35 – 16.30	BHR and Artificial Intelligence Dr Ioana Tuta Senior Adviser, The Danish Institute for Human Rights
16.35 – 17.00	Snapshot Session with Zoltan Turbek Diplomat/AI Governance Expert

Day 5 - 30 September 2025 (Tuesday)	
9.00 – 10.30	GBI Workshop - BHR in practice. Part I Due diligence: entering a new business venture. (Case studies) Ron Popper Chief Executive Officer, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights & Andrea Shemberg Chair, The Global Business Initiative on Human Rights
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	GBI Workshop - BHR in practice. Part II Doing business in high-risk areas. (Case studies) Ron Popper & Andrea Shemberg
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	Community engagement in the context of meaningful stakeholder engagement Céline Da Graca Pires Business and Human Rights Specialist
15.00 – 15.30	Break
15.30 – 16.30	Panel Discussion Alise Artamonova Associate, COBALT Legal Théo Jaekel Founder & Business and Human Rights Advisor, Jaekel Consulting Dr Agata Rudnicka ESG and Sustainability Expert
16.30 – 17.00	Wrap up & reflections. Closing of the Summer Academy

***After the end of the Summer Academy participants
will have at the minimum 36 hours to complete the knowledge test
to obtain a Certificate of the Summer Academy***

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