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Alise Artamonova

Associate, COBALT Legal

Alise is a business and human rights (BHR) lawyer from Latvia practicing in the ESG practice group of COBALT Legal – a pan-Baltic law firm. She is advising businesses and investors on integrating human rights and environmental considerations into their policies, contracts and processes. She is active in facilitating the uptake of the UNGPs by Latvian businesses, including via participation in different seminars and discussions related to BHR, publishing articles in the local human rights blog (cilvektiesibas.info), legal journal (Jurista Vārds) and other platforms.

Until recently Alise worked as a legal advisor at the Ombudsman's Office of Latvia – Latvia's National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) – where she led the work of the Ombudsman on BHR. Before joining the Ombudsman's Office, Alise worked as a lawyer in corporate law firms in Riga and Stockholm. She has also worked at a local NGO in Riga that provides social rehabilitation services to victims of human trafficking where she offered legal advice to victims and represented their interests in different state institutions, trained social workers, etc. Alise has also spent time travelling and living in Canada and New Zealand. In New Zealand she worked in one of the ministries where they allocated funds to companies, local NGOs and iwi (Māori tribes) for creating more work opportunities in the regions and supporting youth, vulnerable people, Māori and Pasifika (Pacific peoples).



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Maxime Belingheri is Human Rights Manager at L'Oréal. He joined L'Oréal in 2018.

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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Dr Nadia Bernaz

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She is Associate Professor in the LAW group at Wageningen University (WUR, the Netherlands), where she is also the Director of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Corporate Sustainability and Human Rights Law.

She holds a PhD in international law from Aix-Marseille University (France).

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 upcoming co-editor-in-chief of the [Business and Human Rights Journal](#) (starting January 2026).



Dr Claire Bright

Associate Professor of Private Law and the Founder & Director of the NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights and the Environment (NOVA BHRE) at NOVA School of Law in Lisbon

She holds a PhD in International Law from the European University Institute, an LL.M in Private International and Commercial Law from La Sorbonne, and a Dual Bachelor in French and English Law from UPEC and the University of Sheffield.

Her work focuses on business, human rights, and sustainability, with an emphasis on shaping policy and regulatory developments at national and EU levels, as well as supporting the implementation of human rights and environmental due diligence (HREDD) in practice to foster responsible business conduct. She combines academic research with hands-on advisory and field experience, having contributed to shaping legislation at both national and European levels and to National Action Plans on Business and Human Rights in various countries. In parallel, she has designed and delivered short courses, trainings, and multi-stakeholder events in Portugal, the UK, Mozambique, Tunisia, and Colombia.

Dr Bright has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications in five languages. She has acted as consultant to governments, international organisations (UNDP, ILO, Council of Europe (CoE)), European institutions (European Commission and European Parliament) civil society organizations, and businesses. Notably, she co-authored the [European Commission's study on due diligence requirements in supply chains](#), which laid the foundation for the [EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive \(CSDDD\)](#).



Prof. Jernej Letnar Čerňič

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Jernej Letnar Čerňič is Full Professor of Human Rights and Constitutional Law at the European Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Government and European Studies of the New University (Ljubljana/Kranj, Slovenia). He is also Visiting Professor of Law at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (on Oder), Germany and at the Riga Graduate School of Law, Latvia.

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.



Gabriela Factor

Chief Adviser on Human Rights and Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights

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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 ESAs. 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.



Beata Faracik

Co-founder and President of the Board at the Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business (orig. Polski Instytut Praw Człowieka i Biznesu)

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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 BHRright 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, Sopocka 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 Samentha Goethals

**Assistant Professor in Business & Society at SKEMA Business School,
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Assistant Professor in Business & Society at SKEMA Business School and Visiting Fellow at Copenhagen Business School, where she contributes to the *FRONTIERS* project on sustainability due diligence for a just transition. She holds a PhD in Politics from Oxford Brookes University and has developed an interdisciplinary research agenda bridging socio-legal studies, global governance, and organizational studies in the field of business and human rights.

With experience at the cross-road between advocacy research with international NGOs and scholarship, her research focuses on the translation of human rights in business, business responsibility for migrant and refugee labour in the garment industry in Turkey and Jordan and the agri-food sector in Europe, and corporate accountability in the extractive sectors in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Her current research deepens this trajectory by exploring the role of corporate human rights responsibilities in the context of just transition. She is particularly engaged in developing participatory and inclusive methodologies—including arts-based approaches—to meaningfully involve affected communities and non-human stakeholders.

Samentha has published widely on these issues, including the award-winning article '*Migrant Workers' Rights-Talk in the British Hospitality Sector*' (*Business and Human Rights Journal*, 2019) and '*Business and Human Rights as Sensemaking: A Multi-Level Framework for Organizational Translation*' (*Business & Society*, 2024). She is also Book Review Editor and co-editor of a special issue on *Business, Human Rights, and Just Transition in the Energy and Extractive Sectors* in the *Business and Human Rights Journal*. She brings this critical, practice-informed and systemic perspective into the classroom, designing and delivering Business and Human Rights courses for students of management, law, and politics, as well as MBAs, social auditors, financiers, and human rights defenders across diverse institutional and regional settings.



Marian G. Ingrams

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Marian G. Ingrams specialises in strengthening international standards and laws on responsible business conduct, as well as helping individuals and communities achieve remedy for corporate human rights and environmental harms.

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 rights, and environmental law and policy.

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.

Marian received her BA in history from Yale University and her 'juris doctor' from Harvard Law School, where she specialised in public international law, human rights, and global development.



Théo Jaekel

Founder & Business and Human Rights Advisor, Jaekel Consulting

Théo Jaekel is a lawyer specialized in business and human rights and international law. He brings 15+ years of experience working with multinational companies, both as in-house and external legal counsel, research-based civil society organizations, as well as academia.

Théo's hands-on experience in implementation of international standards and legal frameworks on business and human rights include designing and embedding due diligence processes across value chains and global operations, conducting in-depth and on the ground research and investigations in high-risk countries, establishing governance and accountability structures as well as supporting clients on legal cases.

Théo is a frequent, and internationally recognized, panel speaker and lecturer at several universities, and has held a number of board seats for international organizations.

Théo holds an LL.M. in international law from Stockholm University and his previous experiences include managing the global legal human rights team at Ericsson Group as Director, Business and Human Rights, establishing and leading the human rights practice group at Vinge law firm, as well as conducting research projects and investigations on corporate accountability, including field work in high-risk and conflict-affected areas, for Swedwatch.

Currently, Théo works as an independent business and human rights advisor through Jaekel Consulting. He is also affiliated with Shift, as one of the organization's external Senior Associates.



Dr. Lyra Jakulevičienė

**Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights;
Professor of Law, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania**

She is international legal scholar specialising in international and European Union law, human rights law in particular, for more than two decades. She is currently a member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights for Central and Eastern Europe. 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. She has lectured on human rights and new technologies in various contexts and has recently issued a report on business, human rights and AI on behalf of the UNWG for the UN Human Rights Council.

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 in Lithuania, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine. She is a Professor and a former Dean of the Law School (2015-2025) of Mykolas Romeris University in Lithuania.



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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.



Bartosz Kwiatkowski

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He 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.



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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.

She is assistant editor at Transnational Environmental Law and co-chair of the Business and Human Rights working group of the Netherlands

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He is currently serving as a Business and Human Rights Specialist with UNDP HQ. He is responsible for developing global programming and providing expertise on business and human rights to colleagues and partners globally.

Siniša has over 20 years' experience as a human rights lawyer, advocate and researcher. He has held management and consulting positions for UNDP, OSCE, as well as other UN agencies and civil society organisations, in over 30 countries and territories in Asia, Africa and

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Siniša has a PhD in Business and Human rights from the University of Oxford, as well as degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and LSE.



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She is a Business and Human Rights Advisor and qualified French lawyer.

She has conducted human rights impact assessments (HRIAs) and community engagement worldwide with affected communities and Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, and she specializes in high-risk contexts.

She led a dedicated Task force at the UN Global Compact France to develop the first French practical guide on meaningful engagement with affected communities, published on March 25.



Ron Popper

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Ron Popper has been working on the business and human rights agenda as a practitioner and advisor in multinational companies for nearly 20 years. He is currently Chief Executive Officer of the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights, which groups more than 20 multinationals, and a member of a number of Boards, including that of the Institute for Human Rights and Business.

Ron spent 10 years as Head of Corporate Responsibility for the Switzerland-based multinational ABB where he focused on managing high-risk projects in different parts of the world, stakeholder engagement, and developing human rights policies and processes. He also developed and led a global human rights training program.

He is a regular lecturer teaching business and human rights courses at universities in Switzerland, Norway, Italy and the United Kingdom. He also engages in consultancy work on business and human rights, communications and crisis management.

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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Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Management, University of Łódź. Her main field of interests are: CSR, sustainable development, business ethics, environmental management and social and environmental aspects of supply chain management.

She has 15 years' experience in teaching, research and business consulting in these areas.

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).

Member of the Scientific Council of the Center for Social Innovation of the University of Łódź. Member of the Program Council of the Center for Sustainable Development Studies at the Faculty of Management. Member of the Team for Climate and Environmental Policy at University of Łódź. Former Rector's plenipotentiary for university social responsibility (04.2018-09.2020).

She cooperates with Civil Society Organisations: Responsible Business Forum (FOB), the Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business (PIHRB). A consultant in the Chapter Zero Poland initiative and an expert within the Climate Leadership programme.

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.



Julie Schindall

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Julie is an experienced human rights professional whose experience combines a focus on policy, strategy and stakeholder dialogue with technical expertise of human rights and responsible business standards and human rights due diligence in global value chains. She advises real economy companies on responsible sourcing and supports public and private financial institutions on human rights and environmental due diligence and just transition topics.

In previous roles Julie was a Senior Advisor at Shift and 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 settings of all sizes, including for the German Foreign Office and the UN Development Programme. Julie is also an occasional university lecturer on the topic of business and human rights, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and human rights and environmental due diligence.

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.



Andrea Shemberg

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Andrea has been with GBI since 2011, first as an Advisor and since January 2019 as Chair.

Andrea has worked in business and human rights for nearly 20 years. She began as Legal Advisor at Amnesty International UK and the International Commission of Jurists focusing on business, human rights and investment, before taking on the role of Legal Advisor to John Ruggie, the-then UN Special Representative of the Secretary General for Business and Human Rights (SRSG).

In that capacity, Andrea led the SRSG's work on investment contracts and treaties, advised him on international human rights, humanitarian and criminal law issues and participated in the drafting of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Andrea went on to establish and lead the Investment & Human Rights Project at the London School of Economics until 2016, where she continues as a Visiting Fellow. Andrea is a US-trained lawyer and began her legal career as an employment and labour lawyer for a management-side law firm. She has an MSc from the London School of Economics in Human Rights.

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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Robert is an author of books titled „Undiscovered Leaders of Business Ethics” and „Ethics and Human Rights in Business.” He is a graduate of the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainable Leadership and have completed the Oxford Impact Investing Program at Saïd Business School. He was awarded 'ESG Professional of the Year' at The Drawdown Awards 2022 in London and named one of the Twenty Most Influential in ESG in 2023 - 2025 by Private Equity New.



Zoltán Turbék

Diplomat/AI Governance Expert

Zoltán Turbék is an international lawyer, career diplomat and former UN (IAEA and WHO) legal officer with 20 years of experience in multilateral diplomacy and international law/policy-making processes. He has a long-time interest in technology and law, as well as passion for improving system-wide cooperation among international organizations and building partnerships. Between 2023-2025, Mr Turbék served as his country's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva. Prior to that he acted as Director of the Department of International Organizations at the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. As a member of the Council of Europe's Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI), he actively contributed to drafting the first-ever international treaty regulating the use of Artificial Intelligence. He also had the privilege to co-chair the Policy Development Group of the Council of Europe's Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI) between 2019-2021, and to serve as his country's head of delegation during the negotiations of the UNESCO recommendation on the Ethics of AI. He is a frequent speaker on AI regulation/governance and UN affairs.



Dr Ioana Tuta

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She has over a decade of experience leading advisory, advocacy and research projects at the intersection of business and human rights.

At the DIHR, her work has focused on embedding human rights in the financial and technology sectors. Over the years, Ioana provided human rights trainings, including in respect to technology impacts, to a diverse audience including investors, companies, State actors and civil society organisations.

Before joining the DIHR, she held positions at the International Organization for Migration, the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Amnesty International.

She holds a PhD in Political Science/International relations for which she conducted fieldwork on socio-environmental conflicts related to mining operations in Peru.



Dr Olena Uvarova

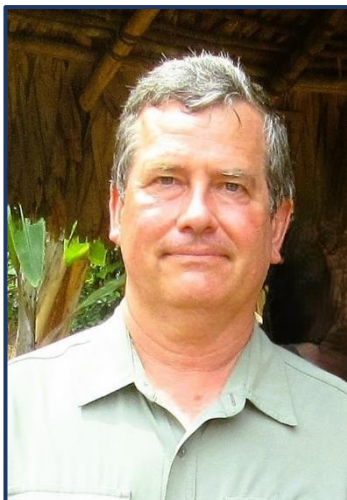
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Since 2018, she has led the International Lab on Business and Human Rights at the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University in Kharkiv. In June 2022, Olena joined the Law Group, Wageningen University, as a researcher.

She is the author of the National Baseline Assessment on Business and Human Rights in Ukraine, co-author of the UNDP Scoping Study „The Status of the Implementation of the UNGPs on Business and Human Rights in Europe and Central Asia”, co-founder of the Central and Eastern European Association on Business and Human Rights, and co-president of Global Business and Human Rights Scholars Association. 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, among them: co-organizing of the special session on BHR in Eastern Europe and Central Asia during the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights in 2020-2024.



Mark Wielga

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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.