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9TH EDITION

The previous editions have been organized in person in Pisa (2018), Rome (2019), online in 2020 and 2021, and in a hybrid format in Procida (2022), Mantua (2023), Roma (2024) and Pisa (2025).

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SPEAKERS

More than 60 speakers have participated in the BHR Summer School, from NGOs and business representatives to lawyers, MPs and academics.

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PARTICIPANTS

So far, almost 250 people from all over the world have attended online and in person the course.

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WHO

So far the course has been attended by participants from NGOs, corporations, law firms, institutions, academia, consultancies, students and sustainability experts.



MONDAY, JUNE 8

The program below refers to the UTC+2 time zone

Venue: University of Naples “L’Orientale”, Via Chiatamone, n. 61-62

9:00 am: Registration of participants and Welcome Coffee

10:00 - 11:00 am: Welcome addresses

Giuseppe Cataldi (University “L’Orientale”, Naples); **Min. Plen. Giovanni Battista Iannuzzi** (Interministerial Committee for Human Rights - CIDU); **Salvatore Capasso** (Director, CNR-DSU); **Paolo Landri** (Director, CNR-IRISS); **Directors of the BHR Summer School**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm: Opening session

The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights 15 Years Later

Michael Addo (The Law School, University of Notre Dame)
Chair: Giuseppe Cataldi (University “L’Orientale”, Naples)

LUNCH BREAK

2:30 - 4:30 pm: Forum: *From Principles to Practice. Operationalising DEI in BHR Compliance*

Fernanda Hopenhaym (UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights); **Martina Rogato** (Human Rights International Corner); **Matteo Winkler** (HEC Paris)
Chair: Marta Bordignon (Temple University, Rome Campus)

Program

DAY #1





TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Venue: CNR-IRISS, Via cardinale Guglielmo Sanfelice, n. 8

9:30 - 11:00 am: *Protecting Human Rights Through Due Diligence Legislations: Challenges and Opportunities*

Claire Bright (NOVA School of Law, Lisbon & Global Rights Compliance); **Daniel Augenstein** (Tilburg University)

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 am - 1:00 pm: Forum: *Transnational HRDD Laws in Europe and Worldwide: Whose Agenda Counts?*

Fernanda Hopenhaym (UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights); **Heidi Hautala** (Former MEP, independent BHR advisor, Heidi Hautala Consulting)
Chair: Chiara Macchi (Wageningen University & Research Law Group)

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 - 2:30 pm: *AI and Human Rights: Preliminary Remarks at the Intersection of BHRs*

Marco Fasciglione (CNR-IRISS, Naples)

2:30 - 4:00 pm: Forum: *From Innovation to Accountability: AI, Human Rights, and the UN Guiding Principles*

Oreste Pollicino (Bocconi University, Pollicino and Partners AIdvisory, Milan) (online); **Marta Sosa Navarro** (Bicocca University Milan); **Elizabeth Bennett** (Lewis & Clark College, Oregon) (online)

Chair: Marco Fasciglione (CNR-IRISS, Naples)

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DAY #2



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Venue: CNR-IRISS, Via Cardinale Guglielmo Sanfelice, n. 8

9:30 - 11:00 am: *Unpacking Access to Remedies for Victims of Corporate-Related Human Rights Harm: The OECD NCP Specific Instance Mechanism*
Jernej Letnar Černič (Nova University, Ljubljana/Kranj)

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 am - 1:00 pm: *Representing the Victims: Views from Business and Human Rights Lawyers*
Daniel Leader (Leigh Day)

LUNCH

2:00 - 3:00 pm: *International Arbitration as a Harbinger of Corporate Human Rights Responsibility*
Giovanni Zarra (University of Naples Federico II)

COFFEE BREAK

3:30 - 5:30 pm: *Forum: Responsible Fashion: A Human Rights Perspective*
Angelica Bonfanti (University of Milan); **Massimo Starita** (University of Palermo); **Céline de Graça Pires** (Nova Business, Human Rights and the Environment); **Giuseppe Di Vetta** (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa)
Chair: Angelica Bonfanti (University of Milan)

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DAY #3



THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Venue: CNR-IRISS, Via cardinale Guglielmo Sanfelice, n. 8

10:00 am - 11:00 pm: *Business and Human Rights in Times of Conflicts: Preliminary Remarks*

Léon Castellanos-Jankiewicz (T.M.C. Asser Instituut); **Olena Uvarova** (UNDP)

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 13:00 am: Forum: *Business and Human Rights in Times of Conflicts*

Anil Yilmaz (Essex University); **Tara Van Ho** (University of Saint Mary Texas) (online);
Ludovica Chiussi Curzi (Bologna University)

Chair: Chiara Macchi (Wageningen University & Research Law Group)

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2:00 - 3:30 pm: *Competitiveness and Sustainability: Breaking the Myth of a Trade-Off*

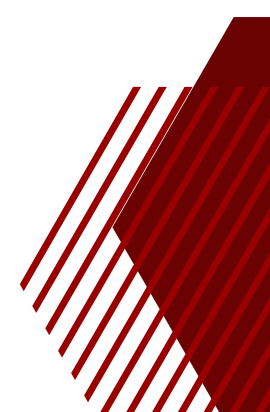
Andrea Schemberg (Global Business Initiative); **Siniša Milatović** (Business, Human Rights and Peace Specialist, UNDP HQ) (TBC)

Chair: Angelica Bonfanti (University of Milan)

7:00 pm: APERITIF DINNER

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DAY #4





FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Venue: Aula Guarino, University of Naples “Federico II”, Corso Umberto I, n. 40

10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Closing roundtable: *Building and Rebuilding Business and Human Rights in the Next Fifteen Years*

Anita Ramasastry (University of Washington School of Law); **Humberto Cantu Rivera** (Monterrey University) (TBC); **Andrea Shemberg** (Global Business Initiative); **Olena Uvarova** (UNDP)

Chair: Marco Fasciglione (CNR-IRISS)

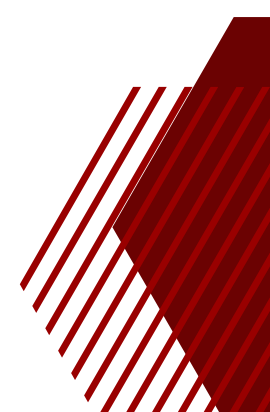
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