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III INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND BUSINESS

27 TO 29 APRIL, 2016

PUC-RIO – 225, MARQUÊS DE SÃO VICENTE ST. – GÁVEA

FRINGS BUILDING – B8 AUDITORIUM – 6th Floor

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ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The III International Seminar on Human Rights and Business is part of a series of events that have been organized in recent years by Homa - Human Rights and Business Centre of the Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Brazil. In 2016, it will take place in Rio de Janeiro - Brazil, from 27 to 29 April, aiming to bring together national and international experts in the field along with leaders and activists of social movements, NGOs, trade unions and other social players involved with the protection of human rights and the defense against violations by companies.

The event will address relevant issues in the current scenario of discussion on Human Rights and Business, such as:

- The process of elaboration of an international binding instrument on Human Rights and Business;
- The process of development and international consulting of the People's Treaty;
- The process of implementation of the Guiding Principles and its application through National Action Plans;
- The impact of mining and its relation with human rights violations;



- Resistance movements and confrontation mechanisms against human rights abuses in its various dimensions;
- Public Funding, Large Enterprises and Human Rights Violations.

Homa and the Federal University of Juiz de Fora, in partnership with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation - Brazil and PUC-Rio, gladly invites all those interested to attend this event.

PROGRAM

April 27th – Wednesday

6 PM – Registration

7 PM – Opening

Manoela Carneiro Roland - Homa's Coordinator - Federal University of Juiz de Fora

Letícia Osório - Ford Foundation Representative

Aline Araújo Passos - Federal University of Juiz de Fora Law School Director

Ana Maria Suarez – FIAN - Treaty Alliance

PUC-Rio Representative

8 PM – Master Conference: Global Agenda on Human Rights and business: Between Advances and Setbacks

This conference aims to encourage debate on the global agenda of "Human Rights and Business," and to promote discussion about the possible advances and setbacks in the creation and implementation of international accountability



mechanisms of companies for human rights violations.

Prof. Bonita Meyersfeld – CALS – Witwatersrand University – South Africa

Carlos Lopez – ICJ

Prof. Surya Deva – City University of Hong Kong - China

Prof. Sheldon Leader – University of Essex – UK

Prof. Carlos Correa – University of Buenos Aires – Argentina

Brid Brennan – TNI – Campaign Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity

Ana Maria Suarez – FIAN – Treaty Alliance

10PM – Closing

April 28th – Thursday

9 AM – Implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in Brazil and Worldwide: Critical Perspectives

This panel aims to promote critical discussion about the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in Brazil and worldwide, the analysis of the development and implementation of National Action Plans, as well as the visits carried out by the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights.

Manoela Carneiro Roland - Homa

Prof. Bonita Meyersfeld – CALS

Carlos Lopez – ICJ

Prof. Flávia Scabin – FGV-SP



Lucilene Binsfeld – Observatório Social – CUT

Marlon Alberto Weichert – Federal Public Prosecution

Gabriel Strautman - PACS

1 PM – Lunch break

2 PM – International Treaty on Business and Human Rights

This debate table aims to discuss the elaboration process of an international binding instrument under way at UN, questioning its official process through the Intergovernmental Working Group and the dynamics around the international articulation of social movements and non-governmental organizations such as the Treaty Alliance and the Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity, among others.

Prof. Manoela Carneiro Roland – Homa (Debate coordinator)

Prof. Surya Deva – City University of Hong Kong

Tchenna Maso – MAB

Ambassador Maria Fernanda Espinoza Garcés – Equator Representative

Pedro Saldanha – Brazilian Bureau of Foreign Affairs

Rachmi Hertanti - Indonesia Platform

Alberto Villarreal – REDES

5 PM – Popular development of an International Framework on Business and Human Rights: The Peoples' Treaty

This panel will work towards discussion of popular experiences of



development of national and international legal instruments for human rights protection and people's courts experiences, especially the People's Treaty and the People's Court.

Gonzalo Berrón – Campaign Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity

Lúcia Ortiz – Friends of the Earth International

Alberto Villareal – REDES

Yldiz Temurtukan – WMW Mozambique

Maria Eugenia Garces - UDAPT

7 PM – Closing

April 29 – Friday

9 AM – Processes and Mechanisms of Resistance to Fight Human Rights Violations in their different dimensions

This panel aims to discuss the popular organized resistance towards defense against human rights violations in its various dimensions, and also to address various popular, militant, judicial and extrajudicial mechanisms for tackling violations of these rights. Analysis of experiences and specific cases of resistance in Brazil and the world, and emancipatory use of alternative mechanisms for fighting against rights violations will also be carried out.

Brid Brennan – TNI

Alexandre Anderson – AHOMAR

Vinicius Alves - Forum Justice

PUC – Rio Representative (to facilitate)



Prof. Rodrigo Salles Oliveira – Poemas – Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

Prof. Cristiana Losekann – Organon – Federal University of Espírito Santo

Lucas Prates – FIAN

Diane Aguiar – FASE

Pedro Charbel – BDS

Prof. Assis Oliveira – Federal University of Pará

Prof. Paula Arruda – LAJUSA - Federal University of Pará

1 PM – Lunch break

2 PM – Public Funding and Large Enterprises

This panel aims to discuss the relationship between the public and private sectors regarding government funding of companies through public development banks, public funds and development agencies. The state's participation in the corporation's structure through shareholding of stock assets, acting as intermediary agent of merging and acquisition processes, and its possible responsibility for human rights violations committed in business activity will also be discussed. Additionally, discussion on the Brazilian development bank BNDES, its governance model, transparency mechanisms and funding criteria will be carried out.

Prof. João Roberto Lopes Pinto – UNIRIO / More Democracy Institute

Prof. Silvia Marina Pinheiro – Homa

Caio Borges – Conectas

Antônio Sepezeiro – Human Rights Activist – Affected by Fibria

5 PM – The impact of Mining Business and human rights violations



This debate table will focus on the impact of mining business on the social reality, in all stages, from licensing to operation, including its production chain, to question its negative impacts, irregularities and human rights violations. This panel will also present reports of real life experiences and analysis of specific cases of rights violations by mining activity in Brazil and worldwide.

Prof. Bruno Milanez – Poemas – Federal University of Juiz de Fora

Prof. Júlio Fierro – Colombia University

Prof. Adriana Azevedo Mathis – Federal University of Pará

Roseane Cardoso – Human Rights Activist – Affected by Vale

Raphaela Lopes - Global Justice

Eduardo Barcellos – Brazilian Geography Association

Godwin Ojo - Friends of the Earth Nigeria

Ricardo Navarro – Friends of the Earth El Salvador

Julia Neiva – Business and Human Rights Resource Center

8 PM - Ending