

V INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND BUSINESS 13th and 14th September, 2018 Federal University of Juiz de Fora

Organization: Homa, Nueva Sociedad, FES-Brazil.

The Homa – Human Rights and Business Centre (www.homacdhe.com), located at the Law School of the Federal University of Juiz de Fora (UFJF), was created in 2012, with the support of the Ford Foundation, Brazil. In addition to the production of documents, Homa has already organized IV editions of the International Seminar on Human Rights and Business, the last two in collaboration with other academic institutions, in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 with the Postgraduate Program in Law from PUC- Rio, and in São Paulo at the Law School of Largo de São Francisco, USP, in 2017.

Homa's International Seminar has become a reference in Latin America for the meeting of different researchers and activists who face human rights violations perpetrated by transnational corporations. It is also a space to guide the most relevant themes of the national agendas and such, as the negotiation of the treaty on business and human rights, within the framework of the UN Human Rights Council.

In an attempt to continue this process of strengthening the issue of Human Rights and Business in Brazil and Latin America, opening space, for example, to define the developments from the Public Hearing held in November 2017, in light of the launch of the report by the Federal Prosecutor's Office for Citizens' Rights, Homa proposes, once again, with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the Fifth International Seminar on Human Rights and Business. The event will take place in the Law School of UFJF, between the 13th and September 14, 2018. The event will be accredited by the Master's Degree Program in Law and Innovation of the Law School.

SCHEDULE

Day 1 09.13.2018

09h. **Opening Conference**

Prof. Dr. Juan Hernandez Zubizarreta – Universidade do País Basco e OMAL – Spain

10h30. **Panel I: Mining and Human Rights**

Prof. Dr. Bruno Milanez – Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora e PoEMAS - Brazil

Prof.^a Dr.^a Karine Carneiro – Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto e GEPISA – Brazil

Prof.^a Dr.^a Cristiana Losekann – UFES e ORGANON – Brazil (por Skype)

Tchenna Maso – Movimentos dos Atingidos por Barragens (MAB) – Brazil

Dr.^a Mariana Sobral – Public Defender's Office of the ES – Brazil

14h. **Panel II: National and International Litigation in Matter of Human Rights Violations by Companies**

Pablo Fajardo – Lawyer of the UDAPT (victims of the Chevron case) - Ecuador (by Skype)

Danilo Chammas – Justiça nos Trilhos – Brasil

Erika Mendes – Friends of The Earth – Mozambique

Tom Short – Leigh Day Prior House – United Kingdom

Misha Mitchell – Lawyer in the British Petroleum case - USA

16h. **Coffee Break**

16h30. **Work Groups**

WG I - Mining and Human Rights (Room 3);

Coordinators: Bruno Millanez (UFJF/PoEMAS) and Karine Carneiro (UFOP/GEPISA)

WG II - National Measures: National Action Plans on Human Rights and Companies and other public policies (Room 1);

Coordinators: Manoela Roland (UFJF/Homa) and Julián Tole (Externado University)

WG III - National and International Litigation in Matter of Human Rights Violations by Companies (Room 7);

Coordinators: Erika Mendes (Friends of The Earth) and Felipe Fayer (UFJF/Homa)

18h30. **Workshops (registration must be done at the accreditation table until noon)**

Legal parameters of the Inter-American System in relation to violations of human rights with the participation of transnational companies

Location: Auditorium of the Law School (1st floor)

Proponent: Global Justice

Target Audience: Law students, lawyers and militants acting in the international system of protection of Human Rights

Syllabus: Considering the advance of human rights parameters reached by the Inter-American System of Human Rights, the objective of this office is to export and discuss the jurisprudence of the System, in cases of human rights violations with the participation of private actors against subalternized populations. The objective of the office is to provoke a reflection on the current parameters of the Inter-American System in relation to the responsibility of private actors for violations of human rights and if these parameters are sufficient to fill the existing gap in international law in relation to the architecture of impunity, which benefits companies.

Climate litigation against Shell and the case for an International Court

Location: Room 5 of the Law School (Ground floor)

Proponent: Friends of the Earth Brazil

Target Audience: Law students, lawyers and militants acting in the international system of protection of human rights

Syllabus: Experiences will be narrated in the lawsuits against transnational companies for violations of Human Rights from the perspective of Friends of the Earth in the face of the defence of the victims, in the face of these violations in Africa.

Monitoring the agenda of HR and Business:

Monitoring of UN WG recommendations

Location: Room 6 of the Law School (1st floor)

Proponent: Conectas

Target Audience: Law students, lawyers and militants acting in the international system of protection of human rights

Syllabus: After an official visit to Brazil in December 2015, the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights presented a set of 32 recommendations, addressed to government, companies and civil society. The recommendations aimed at mitigating the picture of search for development at the cost of human rights, systematic disregard to communities impacted by large-scale development projects, risk of legislative backtracking and lack

of knowledge of the private sector about its obligations related to human rights. Seeking to verify up to what point the government and the business sector engaged in this process, Conectas established a methodology for analyzing the status of the implementation of the recommendations made by the UN WG, based on four axes: normative and political frameworks, public policies, analysis of cases and business practices. From this analysis, criteria of attendance to the established recommendations, allowing a topographic view of the situation of the pattern of human rights and companies in Brazil. The workshop will seek to discuss the process of monitoring the recommendations of the UN WG, including the challenges of the construction of the methodology, the inherent difficulties of the subjacent process of research for action and the results found, aiming to assess the importance of this type of initiative and ways to improve the quality of the results.

Day 2
09.14.2018

09h. Panel III: Corporations, corruption and tax fraud: challenges to the obligation of States to protect Human Rights

Dr.^a Denise Abade – Ministério Público Federal – Brazil
Grazielle David – INESC - Brazil
Prof.^a Dr.^a Caroline da Rosa Pinheiro – UFJF – Brazil
Gonzalo Bérron – FES - Brazil

11h. Panel IV: The negotiation of an International Treaty on Human Rights and Businesses

Embassador Luís Gallegos - Chairman of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Transnational Corporations and Other Businesses Related to Human Rights of the UN and Ambassador of Ecuador – Ecuador (through Skype)

Ana Maria Suarez – FIAN – Colombia
Adoración Guaman – University of Valencia – Ecuador
Lúcia Ortiz – Friends of The Earth – Brazil
Harris Gleckman – University of Massachusetts-Boston – EUA (via Skype)
Prof. Pedro Gomes Andrade – Universidade Dom Helder Câmara – Brazil

14h. Panel V: National Measures: National Action Plans on Human Rights and Companies and other public policies

Prof. Dr. Julián Tole – Externado University – Colombia
Dr. Marlon Alberto Weichert – Federal Attorney's Office for Citizen's Rights - MPF – Brazil

Maria Julieta Lamberti – Project PODER – Mexico

Manoela Carneiro Roland – Homa/UFJF – Brazil

Melissandra Trentin – Global Justice – Brazil

Luiz Carlos S. Faria Jr. – Homa - Brazil

16h. Coffee Break

16h30. **Panel VI: Parliament and the national and international agendas of Human Rights and companies**

Dep. Uruguayan Parliament Lilian Galán - Uruguay

Jorge Conesa de Lara - European Parliament - Spain

Dep. Brazilian Parliament Patrus Ananias - Brazil

Alberto Villarreal - NETWORKS - Uruguay

18h30. **Closure**