

OUR ACTIVITIES

HOMA 2017

January

- Participation in the "Segunda Consulta Regional América Latina-Caribe acerca de los Principios Rectores en Empresas y Derechos Humanos de Las Naciones Unidas (ONU)" in Sepal, Santiago.

January 17.

- Publication of the Homa book entitled "Direitos Humanos e Empresas: o estado da arte do Direito Brasileiro".

January 20. The same document was presented by the professor Manoela Roland at the meeting of the The United Nations Global Compact at the UN office in São Paulo in February.

February

- The workshop "Oficina de Direitos Humanos e Mineração" was held at Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais.

February 13. The event was a collaboration between PoEMAS and Organon/UFES.

March

- Lecture in the side event "Building a UN treaty on human rights and TNCs: a way forward to stop corporate impunity" in Geneva, Switzerland.

March 8. The event was organized by Corporate Accountability International, TNI, Campanha Global, CETIM, Homa, CED and FoEI, occurring in parallel to the 34th session of the Human Rights Council of UN, where the report of the 2nd Session of the Treaty Negotiation was presented.

- Participation in a workshop by the Brazilian Federal Prosecution Service in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais. And the formation of the Working Group created by the Federal Prosecution Service for the TAP renegotiations within the framework of the socioeconomic axis on the dam collapse in Mariana, Minas Gerais.

March 10.

- Participation in a GT (Working Group) meeting of the Federal Prosecution Service to discuss the Termo de Ajustamento Preliminar (TAP) on the case of Mariana, Minas Gerais.

March 27.

- Launch of the book "Direitos Humanos e Empresas: o Estado da Arte do Direito Brasileiro" and launch of the journal Homa Publica - International Journal on Human Rights and Business at USP, São Paulo.

March 30. The event was held at the Faculty of Law of the University of São Paulo and had the support of the FES.

<http://homacdhe.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Direitos-Humanos-e-Empresas.pdf>

- Participation in the GT (Working Group) meeting of the Federal Prosecution Service for the presentation of the final version of the TAP on the case of Mariana, Minas Gerais.

March 31.

April

- Publication of the statement "BHP BILLINTON, VALE E SAMARCO agem para impedir a reparação justa dos danos causados pelo desastre criminoso do Rio Doce, Brasil: O controle das rés sobre o processo de reparações coloca o Estado brasileiro em Xeque".

April 2 - The statement was elaborated and signed by GEPSA/UFOP, GESTA/UFMG, PoEMAS, Homa/UFJF, MAB and Organon/UFES.

http://homacdhe.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Empresas_agem_para_impedir_a_repara%C3%A7%C3%A3o_justa_dos_danos_causados_pelo_desastre_do_Rio_Doce.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1relQdra3BURAVCfeBTYozP_-QLe2NIweL-nRwohbcP8XAAkRKP2IPVgk

- Coordination and presentation of works in the GT (Working Group) "Atores sociais e mecanismos de responsabilização de empresas por violações de Direitos Humanos" at the II Seminário Internacional Pós-Colonialismo, Pensamento Descolonial e Direitos Humanos na América Latina at UNISNOS, in São Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul.

April 25. The paper presented, entitled "A elaboração do Tratado sobre Direitos Humanos e Empresas a partir da perspectiva neoliberal eurocêntrica" was produced by Paola Angelucci and Manoela Roland.

May

- Inauguration of a series of interdisciplinary research meetings.

May 11 The event sought to enhance the advanced research effort on the field of Human Rights and Business, as for a better incidence on the reality of those who were affected by the infringements of corporations. The event had the participation of many of the Homa professors and advisee students.

June

- Lecture in the side-event "Environmental and social conflicts and legal framework setbacks in Brazil: The Doce River Dam collapse case" in Geneva, Switzerland.

June 7. The event was organized by the Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity campaign, occurring in parallel to the 35th session of the Human Rights Council of UN, where the report of the 2nd Session of Treaty Negotiation was presented.

- **Lecture in the side-event "The risks of corporate power concentration to human and peoples' rights: the need for a Binding Treaty" in Geneva, Switzerland.**

June 7. The event was organized by the Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity campaign, occurring in parallel to the 35th session of the Human Rights Council of UN, where the report of the 2nd Session of Treaty Negotiation was presented.

http://justice5continents.net/fc/viewtopic.php?t=1125&fbclid=IwAR1NPPYkSd_FecAbdj1Y4oF_XcJH1ZbgEtKC9yKcAY4msBsFCJVDmCrK5jc

- **Participation in open court "Os impactos sociais da implantação do Complexo Industrial e Portuário do Açú", at the State Legislature in Rio de Janeiro.**

June 8. Homa attended and followed the open court.

http://homacdhe.com/index.php/2017/06/27/homa-na-audiencia-publica-sobre-porto-do-acu/?fbclid=IwAR2F-X_srteHDOFumnU7aFcYInWvESfbjYnna0cn6kj6eG-Ha3dJCX5VCNE

- **Interview given to the podcast "Tax Justice Network" on the relations between tax evasion and possible Human Rights infringements by business acting in extraterritorial lands.**

June 14 Interview given by professor Manoela Roland.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vY_4jWwLCQ&list=PLPle_vPYGn5y6eCEv7JKsIr7bBXCZRzIMl&fbclid=IwAR3YkzHOiyN9fd26D5C4nG05XmipP1kcKcyvWxN5pxeASVASdByMNNhs2tw

- **Participation in the Seminar "Empresas e Investimentos Brasileiros no Exterior: Tendências e Cenários" in São Paulo.**

June 22 Event promoted by Oxfam,

- **Publication of the bachelor thesis "A responsabilidade das joint ventures transnacionais por violações de Direitos Humanos: um estudo à luz do caso Samarco".**

June 28. Author: Gabriel Galil.

http://homacdhe.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Monografia-Galil.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0Pof5lVx7Ftb55di8xlofOm7x61qjJ_m19yZkXc-HXx2JE1q-HAG1hNk

July

- **Publication of the document "Novos elementos para o Tratado de Empresas e Direitos Humanos da ONU".**

July 7

http://homacdhe.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Novos-elementos-para-o-Tratado-de-Empresas-e-Direitos-Humanos-da-ONU.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0OaEKdbqYSxBh_xTuwKwNXdTsnj9yb290FMX4m5OyyowYJj4EMPx764dE

- **Publication of the masters dissertation "Discutindo Desenvolvimento e Direitos Humanos: a atuação do BNDES sob a perspectiva poulantziana de Estado e seu reflexo nas violações aos Direitos Humanos por empresas".**

July 18. Author: Felipe Fayer.

- **Presentation of the paper "Human Rights and Corporate Personhood: A Critical Approach to Corporation Constitutional Rights" at XXVIII World Congress of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR) in Lisbon, Portugal.**

July 17 to 21 Authors: Sérgio Marcos Negri and Joana Machado.

- **Release of the Vol. I, No. 2 of Homa Publica - International Journal on Human Rights and Business.**

July 31

August

- **Publication of the document "Direitos Humanos e Empresas: o caso do Complexo Portuário do Açu" in Rio de Janeiro.**

August 9. Authors: Manoela Roland, Luiz Carlos Faria, Marina Reis, Paola Durso, Gabriel Galil, Jean Ventura, Laura Senra, Lauren Canuto, Livia Fazolatto, Maria Eduarda Pereira and Rafael Lelis.

http://homacdhe.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Porto-do-A%C3%A7u.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2Q5NymP-7axJslKum9iKPG19SdvuMvOC80xrvH_gkZWFNjRCHT2vA4Zg

- **Organization and participation in the "IV International Seminar on Human Rights and Business" at the Faculty of Law of the University of São Paulo, in São Paulo, SP.**

From August 23 to 25. The event was organized by Homa in partnership with Faculty of Law of the University of São Paulo and the Ford Foundation. 35 speakers attended, 12 of whom were international, as well as the presence of the Ecuadorian Ambassador to the UN, the Brazilian Federal Prosecution Service and the lawyer of the case Chevron Equador. The event was attended by 127 listeners.

- **Lecture in the seminar "Empresas transnacionales y derechos humanos" in Montevideo, Uruguay.**

August 28. The event was organized by Escola de Governo do Parlamento Uruguaio and had the participation of the professor Manoela Roland.

<http://homacdhe.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Empresas-transnacionales-y-derechos-humanos.pdf>

- **Interview given to the Televisión Nacional Uruguay – TNU.**

August 28 The coordinator Manola Roland grant an interview to the journalist Ana Maria Mizrahi on the process of negotiating a treaty.

<https://www.facebook.com/homacdhe/videos/1441481652554310/>

October

- Participation in the "XVII Simulação de Organizações Internacionais" of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte.

October 4 The professor Manoela Roland gave the opening lecture of the event.

- Participation in "VI Congreso Peruano de Derechos Humanos"

October 11 The professor Manoela Roland participated as the event speaker.

- Publication of the document "The Campaign Draft "Treaty on Human Rights and Transnational Corporations and Supply Chain" and The OEIGWG Chairmanship Elements for a Legally Binding Instrument on Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises with Respect to Human Rights: a comparative analysis".

October 16. Authors: Manoela Roland, Gabriel Brega, Hugo Nogueira, Luiz Carlos Faria, Maria Fernanda Goretti, Paola Durso, Rafael Lelis, Rafael Jordan and Renata Paschoalim.

<http://homacdhe.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/COMPARATIVE-ANALYSIS.pdf>

- Publication of article in the book "Building a Treaty on Business and Human Rights: Context and Contours" and participation in the launch event.

October 25. The work was published by Cambridge University Press and was organized by the professors Surya Deva and David Bilchitz. Authors: Manoela Roland e Daniel Aragão.

- Participation and launch of the journal Homa Publica - International Human Rights and Business in the side-event " Proposal of Binding Treaty of the Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity" in Geneva, Switzerland.

October 25. The campaign "Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity" shared its proposal for the Treaty, which was elaborated in collaboration to Homa. The event occurred in parallel to the 3rd Session of Treaty Negotiation at UN.

- Participation as invited guest at the Third session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights, at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UN) in Geneva, Switzerland.

From October 23 to 27. The coordinator Manoela Roland participated as an invited expert in the field at the Working Group of discussions at the UN, working together with the researcher Luiz Carlos Faria and providing assistance of counsel in the participation of the civil society during the session. The student Alexandre Aguiar was present and was monitoring the session.

- Publication of the article "A Legally Binding Instrument on Business & Human Rights - A Necessary Step in the Long Run" at the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre.

October 26 Authors: Manoela Roland and Luiz Carlos Faria.

<https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/a-legally-binding-instrument-on-business-human-rights-a-necessary-step-in-the-long-run?fbclid=IwAR0fY4zERuw0YbIXweJckjla73RZa1QOk9sryYvXFCN909w6fOFqt7uFXCc>

November

- **Organization and participation in the "Balance Seminar on the 2-year since Fundão dam collapsed" at UFES in Vitória, Espírito Santo.**

November 6 and 7. The event was jointly organized by several academic centers and civil society organizations. Several members of Homa participated as listeners of the event and the coordinator gave a lecture in the roundtable "Balanço da atuação de corporações e das violações de Direitos Humanos".

- **Participation in the "1ª Audiência Pública sobre Direitos Humanos e Empresas" in Vitória, Espírito Santo.**

November 8. The event was organized by the Working Group on Human Rights and Business of the Federal Prosecution Service, of which Homa is part.

- **Filing of motion to proceed as Amicus Curiae in the Civil Action in the Public Interest on the Dam Collapse on the Rio Doce basin.**

November 22. Homa, GEPSA, Organon and PoEMAS proceeded with the motion.

- **Participation in the 4º Seminário Avançado de Direito Internacional e Direito Internacional da Energia.**

September 27 to 29 The professor Manoela Roland gave a lecture in the event at Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro.

December

- **Participation in the Third UN Regional Consult on Business and Human Rights on guiding principles in Business and Human Rights, in Chile.**

December 12. The event had the participation of the coordinator Manoela Roland.