

CALL FOR PAPERS

II RESEARCH WORKSHOP ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

17 JUNE 2024 - UNIVERSITAT JAUME I (CASTELLÓN)

The Pillar III of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights reaffirms that States, as part of their duty to protect against human rights violations related to business activities, must take appropriate measures to ensure, through judicial, administrative, legislative, or other means as appropriate, that when such abuses occur within their territory and/or jurisdiction, affected persons can access effective remedies. Despite the progress made in the field of business and human rights, significant challenges persist in terms of ensuring access to adequate and effective remedies for individuals and communities affected by business activities.

This call for abstracts aims to analyze and reflect on the challenges and measures regarding access to remedy and legal accountability of companies for the negative impacts of their activities on human rights and the environment. This Research Workshop provide a forum for junior and early-career researchers in the field of business and human rights. Selected papers may be published at the **Spanish Journal of Business and Human Rights published by Editorial Colex**.

This workshop is part of the **Congress "La regulación de los impactos de la actividad empresarial en un contexto de multigobernanza: sostenibilidad, diligencia debida y acceso a la justicia"**, which will take place on June 18th and 19th, 2024 at the Universitat Jaume I (Castellón), and is developed within the framework of the R&D Projects: **'Access to justice in the context of corporate abuses: litigation as a strategy of resistance and empowerment for victims (ACCJUSTEDH)'** (ref: ICIO23/23/000001), funded by the Catalan International Institute for Peace; and **'Opportunities and challenges in the implementation of corporate due diligence standards on human rights and the environment'** -CIGE/2022/63- from the Department of Innovation, Universities, Science and Digital Society of the Valencian Government.

Proposals may address, *inter alia*, one of the following **topics**:

- Access to remedy and the Business and Human Rights Treaty
- Access to remedy and the EU's Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence
- Access to remedy and mandatory due diligence legislation
- National Action Plan and Access to remedy
- State-based non-judicial grievance mechanisms (e.g. regulators, ombudsmen, national human rights institutions, national contact points under the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, etc.)
- Non-State-based grievance mechanisms (i.e. private mechanisms through which grievances concerning business-related human rights abuse can be raised, and remedy can be sought)
- The impact of strategic human rights litigation on corporate behaviour
- Climate litigation and corporations
- Other proposals related to the topic of business and human rights

SUBMISSION:

Proposals will be accepted in **Spanish, English, and Portuguese**, with a maximum length of **3,500 characters**. They must be submitted before the specified date through the following form: <https://forms.gle/5sy1FKwHJHs1K64u8>

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We look forward to welcoming you in Castellón de la Plana!

IMPORTANT DATES

