

FAU Human Rights and Business Clinic

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The FAU Human Rights and Business Clinic (hereafter, the 'Clinic') is a structure which will bring together students and academics at FAU to work on practice-driven projects with partner organizations. Led by doctoral students of the [International Doctorate Programme "Business and Human Rights: Governance Challenges in a Complex World"](#), the Clinic will help students harness research skills to deliver timely and impactful projects in partnership with an external organization.

Goals

- Use academic knowledge and expertise to respond to practice-led research needs.
- Provide students with professional experience in the field of business and human rights.
- Develop students' research, writing, advocacy and communications skills.
- Create project-driven connections between academics and practitioners.
- Fill research gaps for partner organizations.

Projects

Doctoral researchers will be in charge of scoping and selecting projects with organizations in their networks. Partner organizations cannot be for-profit entities (i.e. corporations). The Clinic is open to projects in partnership with NGOs, international organizations and multistakeholder initiatives, as long as they verify the non-profit criterion.

Roll-out

The Clinic will be launched in two phases:

- Phase 1: Summer Semester 2023 (May-July 2023)

This phase will consist in the trial of one test project, which will be advertised to MA Human Rights students, Law School students and students with relevant human rights background in other departments, for example political science, philosophy or geography schools.

Doctoral researchers will monitor the success of the test project and collect concerns raised throughout.

Participating students will be given certificates of participation and recommendation letters upon completion of the test project.

- Phase 2: Winter Semester 2023/2024 (October 2023 onwards)

The Clinic will introduce a Clinic Module course which will allow students to get further in-depth training on relevant research methods and debates in the field of business and human rights, whilst receiving course credits.

The Clinic will run multiple projects led by different doctoral researchers.