

# FAU HUMAN RIGHTS AND BUSINESS CLINIC

## CALL FOR APPLICATION Project for filing a complaint to the OECD National Contact Point

### Summary of the project

The project aims to assist [UK Barrister Krishnendu Mukherjee](#) and his team to draft and file a complaint with the German National Contact Point (NCP) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on human rights and environmental violations under the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business (OECD Guidelines). The complaint will deal with negative human rights and environmental impacts related to asbestos contamination in India.

A team of 4 to 5 students from the Friedrich Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg will have the opportunity to work with a top environmental and human rights law practitioner by drafting the complaint to the German NCP about the alleged human rights violations and environmental damage related to asbestos contamination in India. The student team will also conduct research and write a brief analysis of the case.

When the final draft and/or an associated blog post is published, the participating students will be credited as authors. At the end of the project, students will receive a letter of recommendation from the project leaders and the academic supervisor of this project, Professor Patricia Wiater.

### Estimated project time commitment:

- 3 to 4 hours per week (research, writing and student team coordination)
- 1-hour bi-weekly meetings with project leads (see About the Clinic section below)
- 1-hour monthly check-in with project partners

### Project timeline:

Timeframe	Activity
October 2023	Selection of the student team.
November 2023	Cross check facts with Mr. Mukherjee's team and identify the relevant legal issues. Research on the cases and procedures of the OECD Guidelines and National Contact Points and subsequent analysis of issues.
December 2023	Based on the fact-finding and analysis, the Clinic team will start drafting the complaint to the OECD German National Contact Point

January 2024	Discussion and revision of the draft of complaint.
February 2024	Completion of the complaint for submission to the German National Contact Point of the OECD.
March 2024	Draft and revision of written analysis for publication.

### Desired student profile

- FAU students from the MA Human Rights, Law School, and Master level students from other departments with relevant human rights expertise.
- A strong commitment to human rights and environmental protection.
- Fluency (written and spoken) in English is required.
- Proficiency in German, and other language is desirable but not necessary.

### Application process

Interested students should send a CV and a short letter of interest (max 500 words) explaining their relevant academic and/or professional experience for the project, what they are currently studying at FAU and examples of previous experience working within a team dynamic.

Application materials should be sent by **Friday 27 October 2023** by email with the subject "Call for Application\_OECD Complaint" to Otgontuya Davaanyam ([otgontuya.davaanyam@fau.de](mailto:otgontuya.davaanyam@fau.de)) and Eklavya Vasudev ([eklavya.vasudev@fau.de](mailto:eklavya.vasudev@fau.de)).

### About the FAU Human Rights and Business Clinic

The FAU Human Rights and Business Clinic (hereafter, the 'Clinic') is a structure which brings 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 helps 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.
- Fill research gaps for partner organizations.

### Coordination:

The academic advisor to the Clinic is [Professor Patricia Wiater](#)

The Project will be supervised by two doctoral candidates from the [International Doctorate Programme: Business and Human Rights](#): Otgontuya Davaanyam and Eklavya Vasudev