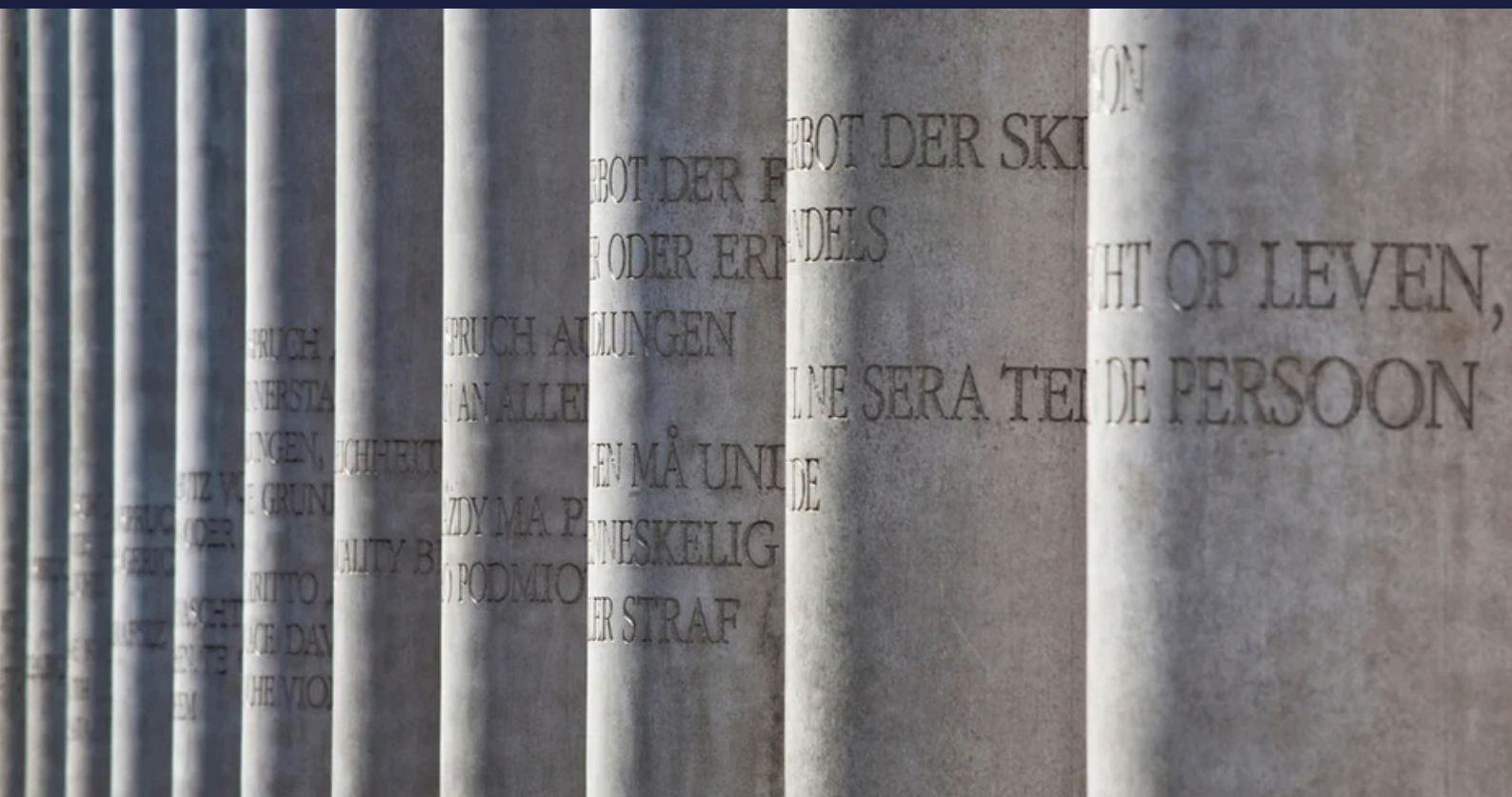


## Conference Agenda



# SHAPING THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Conference of the International Doctorate  
Programme on Business and Human Rights



**Date: Sep. 30 – Oct. 2, 2025**

**Venue: Center for Human Rights  
Erlangen-Nürnberg**



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The [International Doctorate Programme \(IDP\) on Business and Human Rights](#) hosts the closing conference of its first cohort from 30 September to 2 October 2025 at FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg. This event marks the conclusion of the programme's first four years and brings together around 60 participants, including all IDP doctoral researchers, FAU professors, human rights and sustainability scholars from FAU, as well as 20 external guests from academia, industry, and civil society.

What makes this conference unique is that it is entirely built and organized by the IDP doctoral researchers themselves—shaping the programme in ways that reflect their interests and expertise. The conference will focus on four thematic clusters central to current debates in business and human rights and tailored to the IDP research programme:

- Cluster 1:** BHR & Conflicting Environments
- Cluster 2:** BHR & Transforming Norms
- Cluster 3:** BHR & Emerging Technologies
- Cluster 4:** BHR & Climate Crisis

The agenda features panels, workshops, paper sessions, performances, and much more, all designed by the IDP doctoral researchers and led by scholars and practitioners in the field. In addition, the conference offers ample opportunities for exchange and networking.

Under the title “**Shaping the Future of Business and Human Rights**”, the conference aims both to reflect on past research and to chart new directions for the field—bringing together diverse perspectives to shape the future of business and human rights scholarship.



## Agenda Overview

| September 30        | Tuesday                                                                                                                                          | Location                     |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm – 6:00 am   | <b>Welcome Reception</b>                                                                                                                         | Hörsaal                      |
| 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm   | <b>Official Conference Dinner</b>                                                                                                                | Restaurant Oberkrainer       |
| 8:00 pm - onwards   | Nürnberg Old City Center Evening Tour                                                                                                            | City of Nuremberg            |
| October 1           | Wednesday                                                                                                                                        |                              |
| 8:30 am – 9:00 am   | <b>Introductions and Welcome</b>                                                                                                                 | Hörsaal                      |
| 9:00 am – 10:30 am  | <b>Panel</b> - Cluster 1 - <a href="#">Conflicting Environments</a>                                                                              | Hörsaal                      |
| 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | <b>Panel</b> - Cluster 3 - <a href="#">Emerging Technologies</a>                                                                                 | Hörsaal                      |
| 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm   | <b>Paper Session</b> - Cluster 1 - <a href="#">Conflicting Environments</a><br>-or- <b>Workshop</b> - Cluster 4 - <a href="#">Climate Crisis</a> | Seminar Room 2.214 / Hörsaal |
| 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm   | <b>Presentations, Performances and Q&amp;A</b> - Cluster 2 - <a href="#">Transforming Norms</a>                                                  | Hörsaal                      |
| 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm   | <b>IPD-Initiatives and Day Ending</b>                                                                                                            | Hörsaal                      |
| October 2           | Thursday                                                                                                                                         |                              |
| 8:30 am – 9:00 am   | <b>Opening and IDP-Initiatives</b>                                                                                                               | Hörsaal                      |
| 9:00 am – 10:30 am  | <b>Panel</b> - Cluster 2 - <a href="#">Transforming Norms</a>                                                                                    | Hörsaal                      |
| 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | <b>Panel</b> - Cluster 4 - <a href="#">Climate Crisis</a>                                                                                        | Hörsaal                      |
| 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm   | <b>Guest lecture</b> - Cluster 2 - <a href="#">Transforming Norms</a> -or- <b>Workshop</b> - Cluster 3 - <a href="#">Emerging Technologies</a>   | Seminar Room 2.214 / Hörsaal |
| 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm   | <b>World Café</b> - Cluster 1 - <a href="#">Conflicting Environments</a>                                                                         | Hörsaal                      |
| 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm   | <b>Closing Ceremony</b>                                                                                                                          | Hörsaal                      |

## Detailed Agenda – Tuesday

| September 30      |                                                                                                                                                                  | Location               |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 5:00 pm – 6:00 am | <b>Welcome Reception</b><br><br><b>Four years of the International Doctorate Programme on Business and Human Rights</b><br><br>Presentation of Cluster Programme | Hörsaal                |
| 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm | <b>Official Conference Dinner</b>                                                                                                                                | Restaurant Oberkrainer |
| 8:00 pm - onwards | Nürnberg Old City Center Evening Tour<br>Geschichte für Alle; Klemens Hering                                                                                     | City of Nuremberg      |

## Detailed Agenda – Wednesday

| October 1           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Location |
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| 8:30 am – 9:00 am   | <b>Introductions and Welcome</b><br>Welcoming Speech; <i>FAU President Prof. Dr. Hornegger</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Hörsaal  |
| 9:00 am – 10:30 am  | <b>Panel - Cluster 1 - <a href="#">Conflicting Environments</a></b><br><br><b>Human Rights Due Diligence in Politically Complex Contexts</b><br><br>Moderator: <i>Matthias Fertig</i> , Associated IDP Member<br><br>Speakers:<br>(1) <i>Markus Scholz</i> , Professor of Business Management, esp. Responsible Management at TU Dresden<br>(2) <i>Michaela Streibelt</i> , Advisor at Helpdesk on Business and Human Rights<br>(3) <i>Daria Davitti</i> , Professor of Law at Lund University<br>(4) <i>Svenja Schönreich</i> , Senior Advisor at Germanwatch | Hörsaal  |
| 10:30 am – 10:55 am | Coffee + Poster Gallery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |          |

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| 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | <b>Panel - Cluster 3 - Emerging Technologies</b><br><br><b>Navigating AI and Emerging Tech: BHR Perspectives on Regulation, Corporate Accountability, and Remedies</b><br><br>Moderator: <i>Sabrina Rau</i> , Doctoral Candidate, FAU<br><br>Speakers:<br>(1) <i>Simon Lucas</i> , Lead Expert Bioethics & Digital Ethics, Merck Group<br>(2) <i>Rose Wangui Kimotho</i> , University of St. Gallen, Switzerland<br>(3) <i>Shafi Hussein</i> , Director, Nubian Rights Forum, Kenya<br>(4) <i>Alexandra Godoi</i> , Board member, Data Rights<br>(5) <i>Nathalie Stadelmann</i> , Human Rights Officer, OHCHR B-Tech Project | Hörsaal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 12:30 am – 1:30 pm  | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm   | <b>Option A: Paper Session - Cluster 1 - Conflicting Environments</b><br>-or- <b>Option B: Workshop - Cluster 4 - Climate Crisis</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | A: Seminar Room 2.214<br>B: Hörsaal                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                     | <div> <b>Option A:</b><br/><br/> <i>Daria Davitti</i> on<br/> <b>Investing in a 'Sustainable' War Economy?</b><br/><br/> <i>Michaela Straeble</i> on<br/> <b>Digital tools in the Human Rights due diligence process</b><br/><br/> <i>Milena Störmer</i> on<br/> <b>Just War, Just Business: A Normative Framework for Corporate Conduct in War</b> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <div> <b>Option B:</b><br/><br/> <b>Narrating Climate Justice: Storytelling as a Tool for Legal Empowerment</b><br/><br/> <i>Kranti LC</i>, Lawyer and Human Rights Activist<br/><br/> <i>Otgontuya Davaanyam</i>, Doctoral Candidate, FAU                 </div> |
| 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm   | Coffee + Poster Gallery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm   | <b>Presentations, Performances and Q&amp;A - Cluster 2 - Transforming Norms</b><br><br><b>Expressing Human Rights Through Culture and Arts</b><br><br>Capoeira Group Nuremberg (Capoeira Angola Resistência e Arte)<br><br>Traditional Indonesian Dance ( <i>Siti Baequniyyah</i> and <i>Kania Mezariani Guzaimi</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Hörsaal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm | <b>IPD-Initiatives and Day Ending</b>                                                                                    | Hörsaal |
|                   | Human Rights and Business Clinic; <i>Stephanie Regalia</i> and <i>Bruna Singh</i>                                        |         |
|                   | The BHR Hub; <i>Matthias Fertig</i> , <i>Sabrina Rau</i> and <i>Kania Guzaimi</i>                                        |         |
|                   | Woven Across Borders: EELISA-funded POST initiative and A Tale of Three Cities; <i>Chau Bui</i> and <i>Supriya Singh</i> |         |

## Detailed Agenda – Thursday

| October 2           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Location |
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| 8:30 am – 9:00 am   | <b>Opening and IDP-Initiatives</b><br><br>Seeking Global Climate Justice – Paths Lost and Found; <i>Jakob Nehls</i> and <i>Mirka Fries</i><br><br>Corporate Social Responsibility under Authoritarianism: Interpretation, Communication, and Implementation in China; <i>Xu Kang</i><br><br>Afronomicslaw Symposium on the Right to Development and Migration; <i>Bantayehu Demlie</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Hörsaal  |
| 9:00 am – 10:30 am  | <b>Panel - Cluster 2 - Transforming Norms</b><br><br><b>Global Norms, Local Realities: The Influence, Adaptation and Transformation of Business and Human Rights Norms</b><br><br>Moderator: <i>Almut Schilling-Vacaflor</i> , Professor for International Business, Society and Sustainability, FAU<br><br>Speakers:<br>(1) <i>Thales Cavalcanti Coelho</i> , Federal Prosecutor in Brazil<br>(2) <i>Dwi Ardhanariswari Sundrijo</i> , Senior Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Indonesia<br>(3) <i>Philipp Appel</i> , Senior Manager Child Rights in Supply Chains at Save the Children, Germany<br>(4) <i>Céline da Graça Pires</i> , Business and Human Rights Specialist and Founder at Céline Da Graça Pires Consulting and Research Associate at the NOVA Knowledge Centre for Business, Human Rights and the Environment | Hörsaal  |
| 10:30 am – 10:55 am | Coffee + Poster Gallery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |          |

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| 11:00 am – 12:30 pm                                                                                     | <b>Panel - Cluster 4 - Climate Crisis</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Hörsaal                             |                  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |  |
|                                                                                                         | <b>Adaptation Litigation and Corporate Climate Accountability in the Global South</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                     |                  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |  |
|                                                                                                         | Moderator: <i>Eklavya Vasudev</i> , Doctoral Candidate, FAU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                     |                  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |  |
|                                                                                                         | Speakers:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                     |                  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |  |
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|                                                                                                         | (2) <i>Joie Chowdhury</i> , Senior Attorney, Centre for International Environmental Law (CIEL)                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                     |                  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |  |
|                                                                                                         | (3) <i>Corina Heri</i> , Assistant Professor, Tilburg Law School                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                     |                  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |  |
|                                                                                                         | (4) <i>Tim Lindgren</i> , Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Amsterdam                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                     |                  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |  |
|                                                                                                         | (5) <i>Susan Ann Samuel</i> , PhD Candidate, University of Leeds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                     |                  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |  |
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|                                                                                                         | <b>Strategic Pathways for Business and Human Rights in Politically Complex Contexts</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                     |                  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |  |
| 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm                                                                                       | <b>Closing Ceremony</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Hörsaal                             |                  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |  |