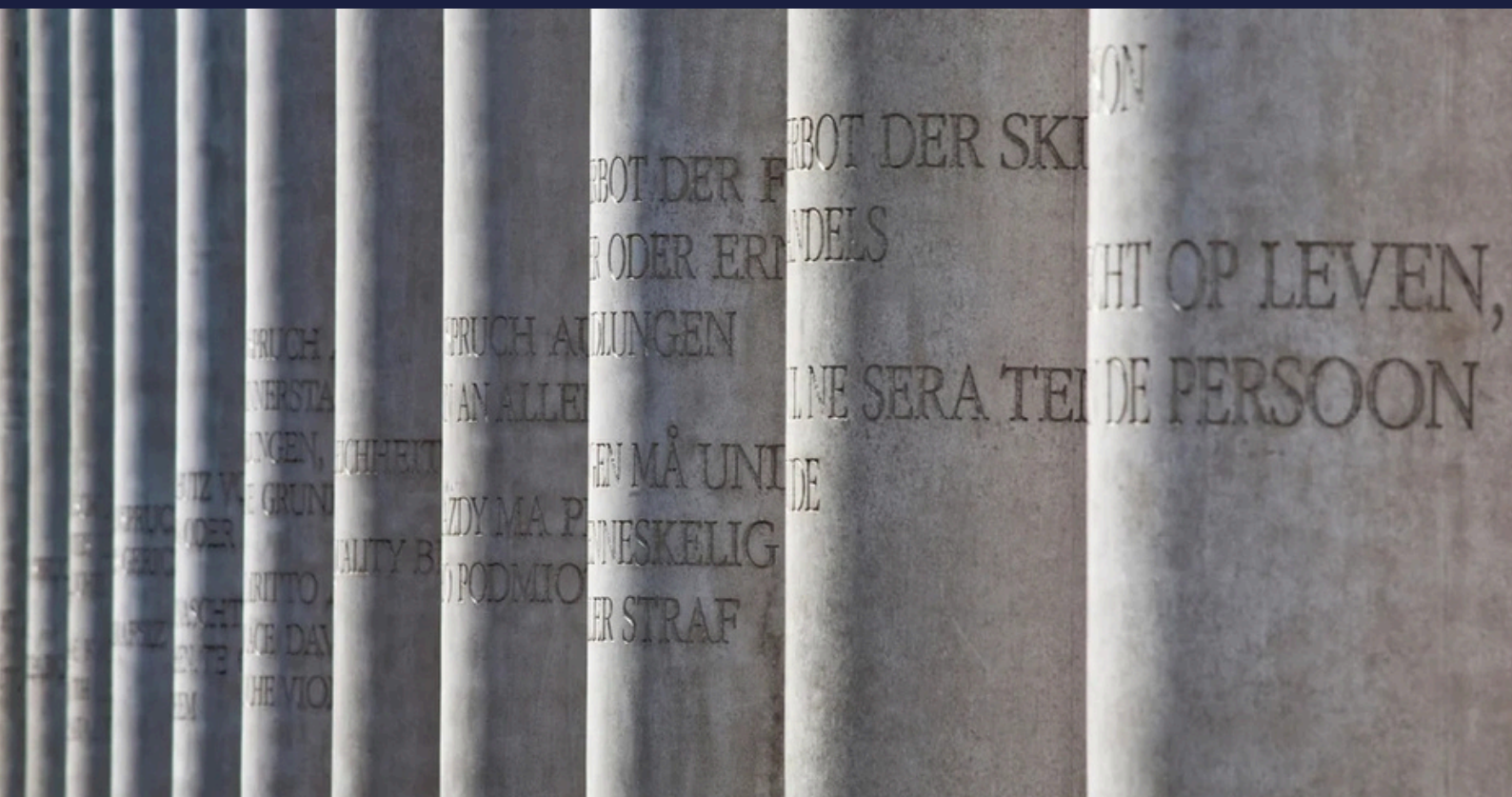


Conference Agenda



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

Detailed Agenda – Tuesday

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

Detailed Agenda – Wednesday

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

11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Panel - Cluster 3 - Emerging Technologies** Hörsaal

Navigating AI and Emerging Tech: BHR Perspectives on Regulation, Corporate Accountability, and Remedies

Moderator: *Sabrina Rau*, Doctoral Candidate, FAU

Speakers:

- (1) *Simon Lucas*, Lead Expert Bioethics & Digital Ethics, Merck Group
- (2) *Rose Wangui Kimotho*, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
- (3) *Shafi Hussein*, Director, Nubian Rights Forum, Kenya
- (4) *Alexandra Godoi*, Board member, Data Rights
- (5) *Nathalie Stadelmann*, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR B-Tech Project

12:30 am – 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Option A: Paper Session - Cluster 1 - Conflicting Environments** A: Seminar Room 2.214
 -or- **Option B: Workshop - Cluster 4 - Climate Crisis** B: Hörsaal

Option A:

Daria Davitti on
Investing in a 'Sustainable' War Economy?

Michaela Straeble on
Digital tools in the Human Rights due diligence process

Milena Störmer on
Just War, Just Business: A Normative Framework for Corporate Conduct in War

Option B:

Narrating Climate Justice: Storytelling as a Tool for Legal Empowerment

Kranti LC, Lawyer and Human Rights Activist

Otgontuya Davaanyam, Doctoral Candidate, FAU

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Coffee + Poster Gallery

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Presentations, Performances and Q&A - Cluster 2 - Transforming Norms** Hörsaal

Expressing Human Rights Through Culture and Arts

Capoeira Group Nuremberg (Capoeira Angola Resistência e Arte)

Traditional Indonesian Dance (*Siti Baequniyyah* and *Kania Mezariani Guzaimi*)

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	IPD-Initiatives and Day Ending	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
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Opening and IDP-Initiatives	Hörsaal
	Seeking Global Climate Justice – Paths Lost and Found; <i>Jakob Nehls</i> and <i>Mirka Fries</i>	
	Corporate Social Responsibility under Authoritarianism: Interpretation, Communication, and Implementation in China; <i>Xu Kang</i>	
	Afronomicslaw Symposium on the Right to Development and Migration; <i>Bantayehu Demlie</i>	
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Panel - Cluster 2 - Transforming Norms	Hörsaal
	Global Norms, Local Realities: The Influence, Adaptation and Transformation of Business and Human Rights Norms	
	Moderator: <i>Almut Schilling-Vacaflor</i> , Professor for International Business, Society and Sustainability, FAU	
	Speakers: (1) <i>Thales Cavalcanti Coelho</i> , Federal Prosecutor in Brazil (2) <i>Dwi Ardhanariswari Sundrijo</i> , Senior Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Indonesia (3) <i>Philipp Appel</i> , Senior Manager Child Rights in Supply Chains at Save the Children, Germany (4) <i>Céline da Graça Pires</i> , Business and Human Rights Specialist at BSR, Research Associate at the NOVA Knowledge Centre for Business, Human Rights and the Environment	
10:30 am – 10:55 am	Coffee + Poster Gallery	

11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Panel - Cluster 4 - Climate Crisis	Hörsaal
	Adaptation Litigation and Corporate Climate Accountability in the Global South Moderator: <i>Eklavya Vasudev</i> , Doctoral Candidate, FAU Speakers: (1) <i>Kranti LC</i> , Lawyer and Human Rights Activist (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	
12:30 am – 1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Option A: Guest lecture - Cluster 2 - Transforming Norms -or- Option B: Workshop - Cluster 3 - Emerging Technologies	A: Seminar Room 2.214 B: Hörsaal
	<div> Option A: Regionalizing Global Human Rights Norms in Southeast Asia; <i>Dwi Ardhanariswari Sundrijo</i> </div> <div> Option B: Beyond Compliance: AI, Human Rights, and Corporate Responsibility in Practice </div>	
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Coffee + Poster Gallery	
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