



**British Institute of  
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Comparative Law**

**Course Programme**  
**Short Course: Business and Human Rights**

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DATE AND TIME	TOPIC	ACTIVITY
Wednesday 7 April 2021  12:30-14:30	Welcome and Introductions  Introduction to Business and Human rights	Group Introductions Background and Context of Training  Introductory questions to plenary. Discussion on concept of business and human rights, origin, introduction to UNGPs and brief overview of developments until today.
Wednesday 14 April 2021  12:30 to 14:30	The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human rights (UNGPs) framework	UNGPs framework: Pillar I: State duty to protect Pillar II: Business responsibility to respect Pillar III: Access to remedy  Core concepts, e.g. human rights due diligence, leverage, value chain, remedy
Wednesday 21 April 2020  12:30 to 14:30	Business and human rights in national law	Discussion & comparison of laws and proposals at national level: - Developments around mandatory human rights due diligence (mHRDD): existing laws, proposals and campaigns (key elements, judicial remedies) - Regulatory requirements - Case law & access to remedy
Wednesday 28 April 2021  12:30 to 14:30	Business and human rights in international law	Examples at international level: - Revised Draft Treaty: development, current state, main concepts and concerns



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- OECD Guidelines National Contact Points instances</li><li>- ICC</li><li>- (Investment arbitration)</li><li>- Other international standards &amp; fora</li></ul>
Wednesday 4 May 2021  12:30 to 14:30	Business and human rights in the UK legal framework	Discussion & examples from UK legal framework:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Examples of existing corporate human rights obligations (Companies Act, reporting requirements, case law)</li><li>- Concepts relevant to current regulatory developments (tort law, due diligence defence, corporate groups, transnational application)</li><li>- Directors' duties, materiality</li></ul>

\* Activities and timings are subject to change