



**British Institute of  
International and  
Comparative Law**

## SHORT COURSE: BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

### Programme

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Time	Topic	Activity
9.45	Registration	Coffee and tea
10.00	Introduction	Group Introductions Background and Context of Training
10.15	<b>1. Introduction to business and human rights</b>	Concept and brief history of business and human rights
10.30	<b>2. The UN Guiding Principles on business human rights (UNGPs) framework</b>	UNGPs framework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State duty to protect</li><li>• Business responsibility to respect, including concept of human rights due diligence</li><li>• Access to remedy</li></ul>
11.15	Break	Coffee and tea
11:30	<b>3. Recent developments at the international level</b>	Revised draft treaty (development, current state, main concepts and concerns), implications for national law, to be discussed in next session  OECD Guidelines update
12.00	<b>4. Recent developments at the EU level</b>	Examples including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• European Commission Draft Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forced labour import bans proposal</li> </ul>
13.00	Lunch Break	
14:00	<b>5. Business and human rights in national legislation</b>	<p>Legislative developments, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting requirements (e.g. UK Modern Slavery Act)</li> <li>• National-level mandatory human rights due diligence (e.g. French duty of vigilance law, German Due Diligence Law, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Discussion: Case study</p>
15.30	Break	Coffee and tea
15.45	<b>6. Business and human rights in case law</b>	<p>Selected developments in case law related to corporate liability for human rights harms</p> <p>Selected examples of NCP cases</p>
17.00	<b>7. Business and human rights in practice</b>	Groups discussion/plenary discussion – examples in practice from individuals' experience
17:30	Summary and Close	