

SYMPOSIUM n° 15

Symposium:

CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CONTEXT OF TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACEBUILDING

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Line(s) of discussion (symposium description):

Corporations often operate in countries affected by armed conflicts and widespread violence or under authoritarianism. Human rights abuses in these contexts, in which companies are involved, are not usually framed as part of transitional justice or broader peacebuilding programmes. It is therefore evident the lack of coordinated and comprehensive responses in order to remedy those corporate abuses. Against this background, the international community seeks to scrutinize the negative impact of businesses on the enjoyment of the human rights and the environment. This has entailed a normative challenge at the national and international level in order to assure that businesses comply with human rights and victims have access to justice, which has resulted in a complex regime of heterogeneous institutions and regulations that often coexist and interact without coordination, universal principles and effective implementation and enforcement mechanisms. The symposium welcomes interdisciplinary submissions to debate and reflect on issues of business and human rights from a theoretical and practical perspective, as well as on specific issues on remedy for human rights violations in post-conflict contexts. The topics for discussion are: 1) Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, 2) National Action Plans, 3) business and human rights treaty, 4) extraterritorial human rights obligations, 5) human rights due diligence legislations, 6) human rights in supply chains, 7) Corporate accountability mechanisms in special contexts such as transitional justice, 8) the implementation of the corporate human rights due diligence in conflict-affected zones.

Languages of abstracts that will be accepted for presentation:

Portuguese (X)

English (X)

Spanish (X)