



6th CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS, CONFLICT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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GENEVA, 30th November 2017
Venue: Maison Internationale des Associations
Rue des Savoises 15, 1205 Genève, Suiza

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

The **Network on Business Conflict and Human Rights** (BCHR) aims to facilitate reflection upon the causes, dynamics and consequences of business involvement in conflicts, as well as advancing existing or potential responses to it from a transdisciplinary perspective. The network seeks to strengthen the ties between researchers working on these issues from a variety of disciplines, as well as between civil society organisations and practitioners world-wide.

This sixth international conference will take place in Geneva on the 30th of November 2017. It is based on the five previous conferences organised by the **International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP)** in Barcelona, London and Geneva, which gathered a wide range of academics and NGOs and other practitioners particularly concerned with business, human rights and conflict.

Thursday 30th November 2017

9:00 - 09:15 h Welcome and "Tour de Table"

Bruce Broomhall, Lecturer, Université du Québec à Montréal.

Maria Prandi, Conference Coordinator (ICIP) and Director at BHR.

09:15 - 10:00h Keynote speaker - Human Security: a New Approach to Business and Peace-building

- *Human Security: An approach for business contributions to peace and sustainable development.* **Mary Martin**, Senior Research Fellow, LSE IDEAS, Department of International Relations, LSE.

Moderator: Olga Martín-Ortega, Reader in Public International Law, University of Greenwich.

10:00 - 11:00 Discussion Panel: Strengthening Access to Remedy in the Private Security Industry

- *ICoCA Guidance on company grievance mechanisms in the private security industry.* **Gina Menghini**, Project Officer at ICoCA.

- Strengthening access to remedy through industrial relations with PSCs. **Eddy Stam**, Head of UNI Property Services, UNI Global Union.

Moderator: Sorcha MacLeod, Free University Berlin, Germany

11:00 - 11:30 - Coffee-break

11:30 – 13'00 - Latest Developments in the Field- Land conflicts

- *Tainted Lands: Corruption in Large-Scale Land Deals*, **Heather Cohen**, Legal & Policy Associate at ICAR.

- *The protection of indigenous peoples' religious convictions in land and water grabbing conflicts.* **Nuria Reguart**, Researcher and Lecturer, Universitat Jaume I de Castellón.

- *Ambiguity of the concept of sustainable development, the same objective, two distinct interests: multinationals and indigenous peoples.* **Claudia Rojas**, Professor, University el Externado of Colombia and independent consultant.

- *Mining in Colombia: The case of the El Cerrejón Mine.* **Karmen Ramírez Boscán**, Wayuu women from Colombia, Coordinator of the Indigenous Women's Program and CEDAW of the Women's Human Rights Institute, University of Toronto.

- *The restriction of the protection of indigenous land through the principle of the "temporal framework" of the Supreme Court of Brazil.* **Paulo Lugon Arantes**, Researcher, Human Rights Institute, Universiteit Leuven.

Moderator: Susana Borrás, Lecturer, Universitat Rovira i Virgili

13:00 – 14:00 - Networking lunch

14:00 - 15:15 - All participants - Brainstorming and Open Discussion on Business and Human Rights in Occupied Territories

- *Successes and Challenges of Litigating Corporate Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territories*, **Emily Schaeffer Omer-Man**, Human rights attorney in Israel/Palestine.

- *Occupied Lands' database*, **Elissandra Costa**, EIRIS

Moderator: Amol Mehra, Executive Director, ICAR

15:15 - 16:00 - Latest Developments in the Field Panel: Markets, transparency and complicity

- *UK High Court Case: Judicial Review of UK arms exports to Saudi Arabia regarding the use in Yemen.* **Brian Wood**, consultant

- *Conflict minerals: the search for clean supply chains in real-world conditions.* **Bruce Broomhall**, Lecturer, Université du Québec à Montréal

Moderator: Christen Dobson, Senior Project Lead & Researcher, Business and Human Rights Resource Center

16:00-16:30 Network General Assembly: Wrap-up and next steps

- *Supporting the work of the UNWG on Business and Human Rights: the conflict perspective.* **Anita Ramasastry**, member of the UNWG on Business and Human Rights (t.b.c)

Penelope Simons, Member of the Advisory Board, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

Antoni Pigrau, Member of the Advisory Board - ICIP and Director of CEDAT, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain

Bruce Broomhall, Member of the Advisory Board

Maria Prandi, Member of the Advisory Board