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Intensive Course on "Business and Human Rights (BHR)"

Indian Law Institute, New Delhi (8-12 July 2019)

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

	9:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-1:30pm	1:30pm-3:30pm	3:30pm-4:00pm	4:00pm-6:00pm
8 July	Understanding business and human rights (BHR): the *why*, *what* and *how* of BHR; Comparing BHR with corporate social responsibility (CSR) and responsible business conduct (RBC); Selected BHR case studies and overview of developments [SD]	*Lunch break*	BHR and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); Role of investors and consumers in promoting responsible business; Benchmarks (e.g., Corporate Human Rights Benchmark, India Responsible Business Index) [NA]	*Tea break*	BHR/CSR developments in India (e.g., Indian Companies Act 2013, National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct); Relevance of public interest litigation [MKS]
9 July	UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights [TVH]	*Lunch break*	Alien Tort Claims Act 1789; Evolution of direct duty of care; Mandatory human rights due diligence (e.g., French Duty of Vigilance Law, Dutch Child Labour Law) [TVH]	*Tea break*	Gender dimension of BHR (e.g., sexual harassment and gender-based violence; under-representation of women in decision making positions, lack of consultation) [SD]
10 July	Development, land acquisition and environmental pollution; Role of civil society and human rights defenders [LJ]	*Lunch break*	OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises; NCP complaint mechanism [JN]	*Tea break*	Protecting labour rights in global supply chains; Modern slavery legislation in the UK and Australia [JN]
11 July	Trade, investment and human rights [LC]	*Lunch break*	Technology, business and human rights [UR]	*Tea break*	Access to remedy: the role of National Human Rights Commission [RS]

12 July	Access to judicial remedies and barriers (e.g., *forum non conveniens*, piercing of the corporate veil); Proposed legally binding international instrument [SD]	*Lunch break*	Conference on "Promoting Responsible Business Conduct: Analysing regulatory Tools Employed by States"

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