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# Human Rights Due Diligence Beyond Compliance

## Up and Down the Value Chain

What does meaningful Human Rights Due Diligence look like in practice?

Join a hands-on **workshop** tackling real challenges beyond “tick-the-box” compliance.

Explore how the UNGPs’ risk-based approach compares to the legal compliance requirements of the CSDDD.

### THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

#### Two panel sessions

Exploring upstream and downstream HRDD challenges, bridging academic, policy, and practice perspectives.

#### A hands-on workshop on two case studies

- **Upstream:** forced labour in the garment sector
- **Downstream:** complicity through product use in conflict-affected areas

Guided by **leading experts in Business & Human Rights**

 In-person only!

**25 spots available:**

 Researchers (50%)

 Practitioners (50%)

Fostering **interdisciplinary dialogue** and **mutual learning**

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## About the Workshop

Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) is rapidly evolving from a voluntary standard into a legal obligation under frameworks such as the CSDDD.

This workshop explores how HRDD can remain a meaningful, risk-based process, rather than a purely compliance-driven exercise.

## What You Will Gain

- **Practical insights into HRDD processes**
- Engage with **real-world case studies**
- Learn from **leading experts**
- Exchange perspectives across **academia and practice**

## Format & Method

The workshop is structured as a full-day (in-person only), interactive programme combining expert insights and hands-on engagement:

- **Morning:** Keynote presentations and thematic panel sessions on upstream and downstream HRDD challenges

Lunch

- **Afternoon:** Interactive workshop based on two case studies (upstream & downstream), working in mixed groups of researchers and practitioners
- **Closing:** Roundtable discussion to synthesise key insights

Post-event drinks for speakers and participants

## What You Will Explore

- The shift **from UNGPs to mandatory HRDD frameworks** (CSDDD) and the interactions between these two frameworks
- Risks of a **“tick-the-box” compliance** approach
- Practical challenges across **global value chains**
- How to implement **effective, risk-based due diligence**

## Speakers & Panellists

- **Andrea Shemberg**
- **Nadia Bernaz**
- **Daniel Schönfelder**
- **Céline da Graça Pires**
- **Chiara Macchi**
- **James Harrison**

## Additional contributors:

- Academic experts
- Business practitioners
- Civil society representatives

- **Participation is free of charge**
- **Catering (lunch & refreshments) is provided**

Limited financial assistance for travel/accommodation may be available

 **Deadline for Application: May 5th**

 **Limited to 20–25 participants**

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