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## **Call for Papers**

**Testimonies from Communities and Individuals Impacted by Business Activities**

***Aarhus University, Denmark, 2-3 October 2017***

**New Deadline: 15 June 2017!**

INTRALaw (International and Transnational Tendencies in Law) at Aarhus University, Denmark, (in partnership with West Virginia University) is hosting a two-day workshop on business and human rights, **2-3 October 2017**. The event will convene experts from around the world alongside representatives of victims' perspectives to discuss the U.N. Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and its focus on communities' access to remedies for corporate related human rights abuses. **One day of the workshop will be dedicated to hearing from victims and their advocates.**

### **Workshop Format**

On the first day, papers discussing the experience of victims of corporate human rights abuse will be presented. **We welcome first-person narratives from victims or human rights advocates and accounts from non-governmental organizations and/or academics from outside law, including sociologists, anthropologists, and geographers.**

Contributions for the first day will cover business and human rights from the perspective of the rights-bearers. Papers will consist of first-person narratives from individuals and communities who have been or are affected by business operations. The contributors will facilitate these narratives through interviews with individuals in affected communities. As a result, the papers will reflect the perceptions and experiences of the affected persons and communities.

Each proposed paper for the first day will consist of:

- (i) a first person (or reported) narrative, which relates the experiences of an individual or group with respect to human rights impacts of businesses;
- (ii) a summary and analysis by the individual contributor placing the narrative in the context of the factual events and of the country visit carried out by the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights; and

- (iii) If applicable, an excerpt from the Working Group's end of mission statement (after each country visit) that would juxtapose the Working Group's findings with the narratives of those affected.

On the second day, the response of the current international legal system will be considered. The hope is that this format and the selection of the papers will allow for a conversation about which needs of victims are not currently being met by the international legal system and what changes are necessary to ensure human rights are respected, protected, and fulfilled.

### **Keynote Speakers**

Michael Addo and Surya Deva, both members of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, are expected to participate.

### **Outcome of the Workshop**

Strong papers will be considered for publication in an edited volume.

### **Travel Grants**

We have a small budget for travel grants. If your participation is contingent on securing a travel grant, please indicate that when submitting your abstract and indicate how much you would need. The need for a travel grant will not be a factor in considering which publications are accepted, but we cannot (yet) guarantee travel grants to everyone accepted who needs one.

### **Participation in the Workshop**

**CV and abstracts** of no more than 500 words should be sent in Word or PDF, by **15 June 2017** to Jena Martin, [jena.martin@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:jena.martin@mail.wvu.edu) and Karen Bravo, [kbravo@iupui.edu](mailto:kbravo@iupui.edu)

First drafts of all papers are due 2 weeks before the workshop, by **17 September 2017**.