



PANEL DISCUSSION

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BUSINESS. HUMAN RIGHTS. RULE OF LAW

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Dear colleagues!

We are pleased to invite you to the II Kharkiv International Legal Forum scheduled 25-28 of September 2018. Forum will bring together leading world experts, scientists, representatives of state bodies and civil society associations for discussing relevant legal problems in the context of globalization and removing the obstacles on the way to sustainable development. Kindly see the Forum's website: <http://legalforum.nlu.edu.ua/en/>.

One of the central Panel discussion will be devoted to the Business, Human rights and Rule of Law.

AIM OF THE PANEL DISCUSSION

Business commitments in the field of human rights have become extremely important in the last decade. All related initiatives are aimed at the effective implementation of the idea that not only the state, but also business is responsible for respecting and ensuring human rights. It's highly important for Ukraine not to remain behind these processes.

Panel discussion "Business. Human Rights. Rule of Law" is intended to provide an overview of the content of human rights obligations of business and provide an update of the current developments in the area of business and human rights globally. This goal can be achieved by establishing a broad platform for discussion of global trends, regional standards and national practices in the field of BHR by business representatives, government bodies, local authorities, academia and civil society organizations.

PANEL DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE 3 MAIN TRACKS:

- I. Legal Instruments for Effective Implementation of Business's Human Rights Obligations: International Standards Through the Lens of Ukrainian Realities
- II. Business and Human Rights issues in State Policies: Towards to the National Plan of Action
- III. Implementing Business and Human Rights Standards: Good Daily Practices for Trade Unions, Corporate Lawyers and Boards of Companies

The Forum also includes round tables, workshops and other side events, focused on Business and Human Rights:

1. Workshop for business representatives and corporate lawyers: “Human Rights Due Diligence Procedures: experience of world leaders for Ukrainian business”.
2. Round table: “Business and Gender Equality”.
3. Presentation: “Index of Corporate Equality: Has the Non-Discrimination Test been Passed?”
4. Open discussion: “Business and human rights in the period of conflict”.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Those wishing to apply to publication should submit an abstract of no more than 400 words to o.o.uvarova@nlu.edu.ua or uvarova.info@gmail.com (Olena Uvarova, PhD, Ass. Prof., Coordinator of the Panel Discussion) with the subject line Business. Human Rights. Rule of Law. Include your name, affiliation, contact information, short curriculum vitae.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **15 June 2018**. Scholars whose submissions have been selected will be notified by **July 1** and full papers must be submitted by **August 1**.

A collection of abstracts and articles of the participants will be published before the Forum’s start. It will be distributed among the participants.

Questions regarding the Forum and the Call for Papers may be directed to forum@nlu.edu.ua.

ACCOMMODATION:

Information about accommodation will be made available in due course.