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Dr. Sorcha MacLeod

„Human Rights, Business and Gender: some thoughts on gender impacts in the private security, garment and extractive sectors“

An increasingly globalised world has resulted in hundreds of thousands of business actors conducting business across national borders. In many well-documented instances, such as Rana Plaza in Bangladesh, Blackwater in Iraq and Shell in Nigeria, business actors been accused of violating international human rights standards which traditionally have not applied to them as non-State actors. Weak, non-existent and fragmented legal frameworks have contributed to the regulatory gaps and in many cases it is the most vulnerable communities and members of society that suffer adverse human rights impacts, with women affected particularly. Human rights impacts have occurred across every sector and industry, from textile production to natural resource exploitation, pharmaceuticals to private military and security contractors. The nature of global business has important implications for any attempt to regulate the behaviour of business actors in relation to human rights as national law, public international law and private international law are all engaged yet no single legal framework exists to hold business actors accountable for human rights violations. In this presentation Dr. MacLeod will focus on three industry case studies which have particular impacts on women and how they are being addressed: the private military and security industry, the extractive sector and the garment industry.

Sorcha MacLeod is currently a Lecturer in Law at the Free University Berlin and at the Berlin School of Economics and Law having recently moved after many years in the School of Law at the University of Sheffield in the UK. She researches and publishes widely in the area of business and human rights with a particular focus on the private military and security industry. She participated in the Montreux Document process and in the development of the ICoC and ICoCA. She was a UK human rights technical expert to the committee which developed ISO 18788:2015 which provides a framework for establishing, implementing, operating, monitoring, reviewing, maintaining and improving the management of security operations. She was a Human Rights Subject Matter Expert on the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office's PSC1 pilot audit certification scheme. She is also an invited expert to the UN Intergovernmental Working Group to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of PMSCs.