

# Business and Human Rights

## Implementing the Responsibility to Respect

The 2020 Masters course

### What

Hosted by the Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, the Rafto Foundation for Human Rights, and the Institute for Human Rights and Business, this annual Masters-level course explores the links between human rights violations and corporate activity, and the importance of international standards in strengthening respect for and protection of human rights.

Training and discussion will focus on:

- examining the ethical and legal standards, duties, and expectations of companies;
- giving practical guidance for developing corporate strategies and due diligence consistent with international human rights standards;
- emerging sector-specific and thematic issues on the human rights and business agenda, including issues of contemporary relevance such as operating during pandemics and dealing with challenges of technology;
- assessing the effectiveness of existing and proposed national and international standards, both mandatory and voluntary;
- dilemmas where local standards and rules vary from and sometimes contradict global standards or policies;
- case studies in a range of industries, delivered by business experts.

### Who

The course is taught by a faculty of global experts from the worlds of business, academia and civil society, and is available to masters students, professionals and anyone interested in business and human rights.

### When

Three weekend sessions: 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> Oct, 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2020.

### Where

The first weekend will take place on a remote basis only. For the second and third weekends students will be given the option to attend remotely or in person at the University of Bergen in Norway (coronavirus-related limitations notwithstanding).

### Details

A bachelor degree or equivalent and/or at least two years' work experience required. The course counts 15 credit points and will be offered in English. Student outputs include a group presentation, and a 4,500 word essay - with a possibility of excellent submissions being published by IHRB as a commentary. Fee NOK 19,000. Deadline 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020.

### Contact

For more details and to apply visit the University of Bergen website ([www.uib.no/en/course/SAMPOL610](http://www.uib.no/en/course/SAMPOL610)) or contact Therese Jebsen ([therese.jebsen@rafto.no](mailto:therese.jebsen@rafto.no)).

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