



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN GUIDING  
PRINCIPLES ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
IN SPAIN (Seville, 4-6 November 2013)**

**Dates:** 4 to 6 November 2013.

**Organizer:** University of Seville Faculty of Law, Seville (Spain)

**Website:** <http://www.conferencebusinesshr.com/>

**Deadline for submissions of abstracts:** 31 July 2013

**Deadline for submissions of papers:** 30 September 2013

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## Call For Papers

### Background

Recent years have witnessed the crystallization of the social expectation that business corporations, and transnational companies in particular, bear the responsibility to respect the human rights of the individuals and communities that may be adversely affected by their operations and/or value chains.

The adoption of the UN Global Compact, ensued by the process leading towards the endorsement by the Human Rights Council of the Protect, Respect and Remedy United Nations Framework and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, have contributed to clarifying the scope of corporate responsibility to respect human rights, and its interaction with the State's duty to protect those rights. The UN Guiding Principles reflect the up to date most authoritative expression of the existing international consensus on this issue-area, as reflected in the overall support to the principles by States, companies and international civil society actors at large.

The UN Guiding Principles are not a point of arrival, but a point of departure for future developments. They set an agenda for action that simultaneously requires the revision of State legislative and policy frameworks; the establishment or improvement of companies' human rights policies and due diligence mechanisms, and the opening of new avenues for dialogue and accountability involving duty-bearers, rights-holders, and other stakeholders. In unfolding this complex agenda, there is a pressing need for both academic reflection and policy innovation.

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### Call for papers

The Conference welcomes the submission and presentation of papers falling within its five thematic lines. Following the overarching theme of the conference papers may consider (but are not limited to) the following topics:

- The interaction between the different instruments and standards on business and human rights.
- Due diligence mechanisms of companies in human rights.

- EU Implementation of the Guiding Principles
- National implementation of the Ruggie framework and Guiding Principles, including in particular the Spanish Action Plan and process
- Judicial and non judicial remedies for human rights violations by business corporations.
- The application of the Guiding Principles in conflict or high risk situations
- The application of the Guiding Principles in relation to vulnerable persons and groups

Authors are invited to submit an abstract of maximum 200 words characters by **31 July 2013**. The deadline for submission of full papers is **31 September 2013**. The papers shall be subject to peer review by the conference's Academic Committee. The selected papers will be made available to the conference and may later be processed for publication. Please, submit your abstract/papers to [cmarque@us.es](mailto:cmarque@us.es) (att./Prof. Carmen Márquez Carrasco).

For further information of papers submissions, please visit the [conference website](#).

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## Conference format & organization

The conference programme consists of key-note presentations by reputed international and Spanish academic experts; UN experts, and representatives of the Spanish Government, business corporations, and civil society. The key-note presentations will be paired with panel sessions as well as paper presentations selected through the call for papers. Check the [list of speakers](#).

The working languages of the conference are English and Spanish. Presentations and discussions will be held in both languages.

The conference is convened by the University of Seville's Research Project: "The Human Rights Responsibility of Spanish Transnational Corporations, Towards a Public Policy Framework", funded by grants of the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, FEDER, and the University of Seville (Project DER 2010-18780 "The Responsibility of Spanish Transnational Corporations in the field of Human Rights: towards a framework of public policies" and the Research Action DER 2011-16006-E). It is organized in cooperation with INTERIURIS: International Association of Jurists, and Rights Advice, Human Rights Consultants. The conference is supported the Spanish Global Compact Network.

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## Registration and conference fees

Please, register for the conference before **1 November 2013** using the registration form at the conference website.

The conference fee is 125 € for general public and 40 € for students and NGO representatives (discounts apply for early registration before 15 September 2013).

For questions, please, contact [empresaddhhus@gmail.com](mailto:empresaddhhus@gmail.com)

For general up-to-date information on the conference, please visit the conference website at: <http://www.conferencebusinessshr.com/>



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