



Special Issue (2025/2) - Interdisciplinary Approaches to Business & Human Rights: an assessment of the field 10+ years from the UNGPs

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The Brazilian Journal of International Law invites submissions for a special issue called Interdisciplinary Approaches to Business & Human Rights (BHR): an assessment of the field 10+ years from the UNGPs that will be published in the second semester of 2025. The issue will be co-edited by Cláudia Alvarenga Marconi (Co-Director of the FECAP Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on BHR and Assistant Professor of International Relations at Pontifical Catholic University), João Paulo Candia Veiga (Professor at the Department of Political Science at University of São Paulo and Principal Investigator at the Center for Artificial Intelligence at INOVA USP (C4AI)), Rachel Chambers (Assistant Professor of Business Law at the University of Connecticut School of Business and Co-Director of the UConn Business and Human Rights Initiative), and Rafael de Souza Nascimento Miranda (Co-Director of the FECAP Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on BHR and Political Science PhD Candidate at University of São Paulo).

Submissions on interdisciplinary challenges, conceptual developments, and methodological efforts involved in addressing and approaching the BHR agenda are welcome. By combining and (re)articulating diverse fields of study – Political Science, International Relations, Business Ethics, International Law, Environmental Policy, and others – this Special Issue aims to both provide a comprehensive understanding of the complex interplay between Business and Human Rights and offer a critical appraisal of the knowledge gathered, of the meaningful academic research, and of the practical progress achieved throughout this agenda after the first ten years of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs): a key normative framework that dates back to 2011 and to the norm entrepreneurial role of John G. Ruggie to avoid and address Human Rights abuses in business activities and to stimulate regulations and ongoing transformations of global value chains, meaningful stakeholder engagement and rightsholder-driven remedy.

The following non-exhaustive topics can be considered for submissions:

- 1) The politics of global supply chain regulations;
- 2) The development of the concept of Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) and of the Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (HREDD) approach as a means of activating meaningful stakeholders engagement, responsibilities and consequently filling governance and accountability gaps;
- 3) The development of a nuanced and more complex understanding of the dynamics between the Global North and the Global South in terms of BHR agenda and its policy-making process;
- 4) European Union (EU) normative dynamics and EU Member States' (un)disputed roles, standards, practices;
- 5) Evaluation of Human Rights - potential and practical - impacts of multinational companies in a local-global perspective;
- 6) Recognition of heterogeneous ethical foundations and motivations for designing and implementing HRDD and HREDD by enterprises through business single and multiple case studies selection;
- 7) The debate regarding the soft-hard law continuum that frames and constitute the BHR agenda;
- 8) The waves of State responses in terms of National Action Plans (NAPs), their cycles and their (non)reciprocal relations and effects inter-regionally;
- 9) CSR and ESG managerial frameworks for BHR; and
- 10) Multistakeholder Initiatives around BHRs norms and rules and the question of compliance.

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