

Research Platform „HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT“

In February 2008, the Research Platform “Human Rights in the European Context” was established at the University of Vienna. It brings together academics of 12 departments of the University of Vienna with the purpose of strengthening inter-disciplinary research on the topic of Human Rights in Europe. The Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM) serves as the platform's centre of communication and coordination.

The Public Lecture Series „Human Rights in the European Context“ deals with current human rights issues from a multidisciplinary perspective in a monthly roundtable.

For upcoming events and more information about the research platform, please visit: human-rights.univie.ac.at.

The Global Financial Crisis' Impact on the Human Rights Accountability of Companies

In the panel discussion “The Global Financial Crisis' Impact on the Human Rights Accountability of Companies” **Patrick Doris** (Freshfields), **Birgit Forstnig-Errath** (International Business Leaders Forum), **Stefan Kerl** (Clean Clothes Campaign), **Karin Lukas** (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights) and **Tom Sorell** (Centre for the Study of Global Ethics, University of Birmingham) will be discussing the consequences of the global financial crisis on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) with regards to human rights issues.

Within the event the recently published book “Menschenrechte und Wirtschaft” by Karin Lukas and Franz-Josef Hutter (Neuer Wissenschaftlicher Verlag, 2009) will be presented.

Following the discussion the Research Platform “Human Rights in the European Context” and the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute would like to invite you to join the subsequent reception.

To register for the event, please email bim.staatsrecht@univie.ac.at

Labour - Rights - Responsibilities – Guide (LARRGE)

In the Decent Work Agenda, the EU emphasises the social dimension of globalisation. It aims at promoting decent work for all in accordance with ILO strategies, UN human rights conventions, the Council of Europe Conventions and the Millennium Development Goals. The LARRGE project analyses different CSR tools from a human rights perspective with a special focus on the implementation of fundamental working and social standards. The project will bring about the so-called LARRGE Guide, that addresses the need to guide entrepreneurs through the "jungle" of CSR tools by compiling information on relevant tools applied at the pan-European level and evaluating them with regard to the specific needs of companies according to their size, sector of activity and matter of particular interest. It will be available as of spring 2010 on www.larrge.eu.