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Call for Papers

The Human Rights Consortium's Corporate Power & Human Rights (CPHR) project at the School of Advanced Study, University of London has been established to facilitate creative approaches to dissolving the tension between human rights and business activity. The project will act as a platform from which academics, activists, businesspeople, and policymakers can transmit their ideas and engage their peers to robustly challenge their feasibility in order to develop meaningful alternatives to existing approaches. It will also look at the broad structural impacts of corporate power on economies and human rights provision.

The *International Journal of Human Rights* invites submissions for its Corporate Power & Human Rights Special Issue that identify novel approaches to dissolving tensions between business and human rights, in keeping with the project's objectives. We invite all relevant research in the field of business and human rights; particularly research that challenges the status quo in business and human rights discourse, and that seeks to identify new opportunities through the application of different academic disciplines and theoretical concepts.

Possible themes include:

- international trade agreements and the balancing of national and local human rights concerns in development projects;
- corporate complicity in human rights abuses;
- multinational corporate accountability;
- the uses and abuses of corporate social responsibility and corporate sustainability;
- resistance, social movements, and human rights pressure groups and their impacts on business and management;
- energy and industry and its impacts on human rights;
- the impacts of the financial industry, financial regulation, and governance on human rights and their ability to instigate/encourage unethical behaviour and human rights abuses;
- social media's impact on grassroots movements, the visibility boost it needs to effect serious social change vis-à-vis corporate behavior;
- the sociology/psychology of corporate decision-making in relation to human rights;
- the expanding global consumer society and human rights;
- the content of inter-governmental obligations to aid human rights implementation, protection, and access to justice (ICESCR Art 2(1));
- the role of economic theory in securing human rights;
- global enforcement of human rights obligations: legal thinking beyond a world court; and
- taxation, privatization, subsidies and their role in realizing/securing human rights.

Editors include members of the steering group of the Human Rights Consortium's Corporate Power & Human Rights project at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London: Dr Damien Short, Nicholas Connolly, Jennifer Huseman, Manette Kaisershot, and Helle Abelvik-Lawson.

Please send abstracts of 250-300 words and an academic CV to helle.abelvik-lawson@sas.ac.uk

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 1 November 2013 and full papers of approximately 8,000 words will need to be submitted by 1 April 2014.