

# Business Ethics and Human Rights, from Theory to **Practice**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**Regency Suite 02 / T114**  
**9:00 – 16:00**

**Research Workshop**  
**Chaired by Dr. Ana-Maria Pascal**  
**Regent's University London**



In the context of the on-going consultation around the proposed UN Treaty for transnational business and human rights, the debate has recently focused on hard v. soft law, or mandatory v. voluntary initiatives. This workshop will address the question of **what works**, in practice, to increase corporate accountability and support for human rights.

## **Key topics –**

- The proposed UN Treaty on Transnational Business and Human Rights
- UNGP implementation through National Action Plans and other initiatives;
- Collaboration between state and business agents on human rights issues;
- Voluntary initiatives to help businesses increase their support for human rights;
- Victims' access to justice;
- Company human rights due diligence;
- Recent developments in whistleblowing policy, and implications for human rights;
- The role of the state in company disclosures on social responsibility and human rights.

## **Confirmed speakers –**

- **Lord Michael Hastings**, International Head of Citizenship, KPMG
- **Catie Shavin**, Director, Global Business Initiative
- **Dr. Wim Vandekerckhove**, Reader in Business Ethics, University of Greenwich
- **Dr. Aurora Voiculescu**, Reader in Socio-Legal Studies and Human Rights, University of Westminster
- **Dr. Kit Barton**, Principal Lecturer in Business Ethics, Regent's University London
- **Doug Specht**, Senior Lecturer in Media and Communications, University of Westminster
- **Dr. Opi Outhwaite**, Senior Lecturer in Law, St Mary's University
- **Dr. Ana-Maria Pascal**, Principal Lecturer in Philosophy, Business Ethics, and Entrepreneurship, Regent's University London
- **Zhiwei Hu**, Beijing Language and Culture University