



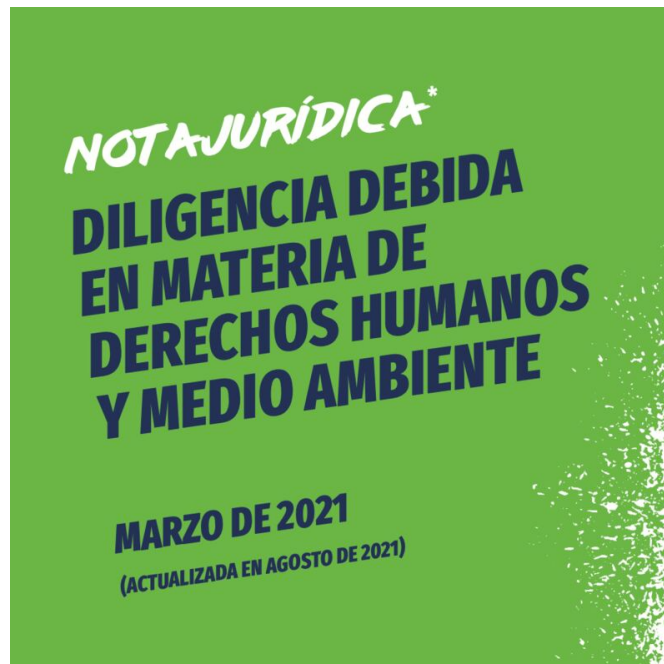
***Nova BHRE Newsletter September 2021***

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **Legal Brief on Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence**

The legal summary on "Due Diligence in Human Rights and the Environment", prepared by the [NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights and the Environment](#) researchers [Claire Bright](#), [Laura Íñigo Álvarez](#), [Ana Duarte](#), [Rafaela Oliveira](#), [Sara Rentroia Pacheco](#) and [Benedita Sequeira](#), was recently published in English and Portuguese. This summary belongs to the Pan-European campaign OurFood.OurFuture, implemented in Portugal by [IMVF - Instituto Marquês de Valle Flôr](#).

In addition, the updated version of the legal brief is now available in Spanish. The document is available here: <https://lnkd.in/gifjwKc>



### **Conference on the Vienna Convention on the International Sale of Goods in the context of Maritime Transport**

On the 29th of September 2021, the NOVA BHRE participated in the conference on the Vienna Convention on the International Sale of Goods in the context of maritime transport, as [Claire Bright](#) gave a presentation on the role that the Vienna Convention could play in upholding human rights standards in international commercial transactions concerning the maritime sector.



**29 e 30 de setembro de 2021**

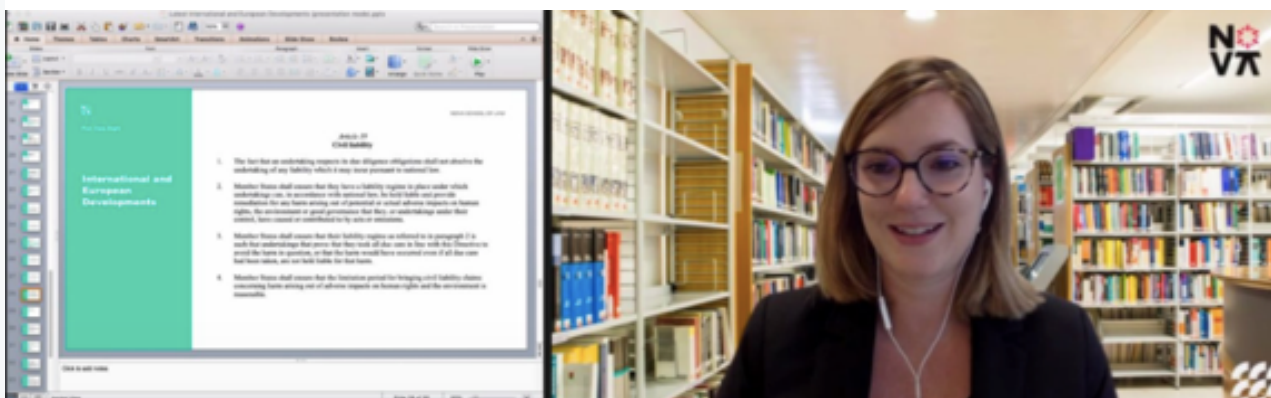
## **Compra e venda internacional de mercadorias**

A Convenção de Viena no contexto  
do transporte marítimo internacional



### **Third International Summer School - Human Rights Law in Context**

The NOVA BHRE was delighted to participate in the Third International Summer School – Human Rights Law in Context, Special Focus: Business and Human Rights – of the Centre for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg and the ECCHR with a course on the International and European Developments in Business and Human Rights delivered by [Claire Bright](#) on the 14th of September 2021.



### **Peer Learning Group Webinar**

On the 9th of September 2021, the NOVA BHRE took part in the Peer Learning Group Webinar organised by the German Global Compact as [Claire Bright](#) delivered a presentation on 'Climate Change as a Business and Human Rights Issue?'.

### **HeForShe Lisboa Academy**

HeForShe Lisboa launched, with the support of Linklaters Lisbon, the HeForShe Academy. The NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights and the Environment will participate in the initiative as a partner entity, and therefore all participants will be able to access a course on Human Rights. Our researchers are in charge of modules on migration, sustainability, accountability for human rights violations, among other topics. Moreover, all participants will be able to be accompanied by a coach and participate in activities in the projects of IMVF - Instituto Marquês de Valle Flôr.

For more information about the course: <https://lnkd.in/gGjkP8yf>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Webinar on Business and Human Rights Developments in Central and Eastern Europe**

The [NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights and the Environment](#), jointly with the Nova Univerza in Ljubljana, is pleased to invite to the Webinar on Business and Human Rights Developments in Central and Eastern Europe that will take place virtually on 12 October from 14:00-15:30 UK/Lisbon (15:00-16:30 CET).

Various jurisdictions across the world have adopted National Action Plans in Business and Human Rights and have enacted legislations or are discussing legislative initiatives to regulate companies and prevent adverse human rights and environmental impacts. These developments raise important questions about the adequacy of existing norms and their ability to drive change towards responsible business practices. Whilst much of the focus so far has been on a small number of countries seen as "big players", less attention has turned to jurisdictions in Central and Eastern Europe in which important developments are currently occurring. The aim of this episode is to gather multi-stakeholders from Central and Eastern European jurisdictions in order to provide insights into the current regulatory landscape, and the lessons that can be learned from other jurisdictions.

**Register [here](#).**



WEBINAR

# Business and Human Rights Developments in Central and Eastern Europe

Jointly organised by NOVA School of Law in Lisbon,  
and the New University in Ljubljana

**Tuesday 12 October 2021,**  
14h - 15h30 (UK / Portugal time) / 15h - 16h30 CET

**Speakers:**

**Jernej Letnar Čerňič**, Faculty of Government  
and European Studies, Nova Univerza, Slovenia

**Beata Faracik**, President of the Polish  
Institute on Human Rights and Business

**Olena Uvarova**, Associate Professor, Yaroslav  
Mudryi National Law University

**Siniša Milatović**, Business and Human Rights  
Specialist, UNDP

**Chair:**

**Laura Íñigo Álvarez**, NOVA School of Law,  
Universidade NOVA de Lisboa



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Webinar Conveners  
**Laura Íñigo Álvarez**  
and **Jernej Letnar Čerňič**

*If you wish to attend this event, please register via:*

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Y57sBm7sRfqtDg47ANRXVw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y57sBm7sRfqtDg47ANRXVw)

**Short Course: Business and Human Rights**

The NOVA BHRE is delighted to take part in the upcoming short course on Business and Human Rights organised by the BIICL. The course will take place online weekly between the 27th of the 24th of November. For more information and registration [here](#).

# INTRODUCING THE MEMBERS AND THE ASSOCIATES OF THE NOVA BHRE



## **Vasco Becker- Weinberg (Research Associate)**

Vasco Becker-Weinberg is an invited professor at NOVA School of Law and the co-coordinator of the LL.M program on Law and Economics of the Sea at NOVA. He has researched at prominent academic institutions and written and published extensively on the law of the sea and public international law. Professor Becker-Weinberg has been on several delegations to international fora and advises on law of the sea and international law matters. He is also currently Judicial Clerk at the Portuguese Constitutional Court and was previously Legal Advisor to the Portuguese Secretary of the Sea and a full-time scholar at the International Max Planck Research School for Maritime Affairs at the University of Hamburg.

## **Thais Cirne (Research Associate)**

Thais Cirne is a Ph.D. Candidate in Civil Procedural Law at NOVA School of Law and a research fellow of Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT). She holds a master's degree in Civil Procedural Law from the University of Coimbra (UC) and a law degree from the Catholic University of Salvador (Universidade Católica do Salvador/ UCSAL). She is also post graduated in Human Rights by the Lus Gentium Conimbrigae (IGC) and is currently attending a postgraduation in Negotiation, Mediation and Conflict Resolution at the Instituto de Certificação e Formação de Mediadores Lusófonos (ICFML). She is a lawyer in Brazil and in Portugal, a member of Amnesty International Portugal and Coordinate of Communication at the



Jurists Group of Amnesty International Portugal. Her main areas of expertise are: Civil Procedural Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and Human Rights.



### **Robert McCorquodale (Associate)**

Professor Robert McCorquodale is Professor of International Law and Human Rights at the University of Nottingham, a barrister and mediator at Brick Court Chambers, London, and the Founder of Inclusive Law, a consultancy on business and human rights.

Robert has over 25 years of experience working in business and human rights. He published widely in this area, including by empirical research, has advised business of all sizes, assisted governments around the world, been involved with civil society, industry and organisations in drafting legal changes and in litigation. This has included capacity building, legislative proposals and training, as well as interviewing and qualitative research. He has appeared as an advocate before the International Court of Justice and the United Kingdom Supreme Court, and as a legal expert before United Nations bodies.

He has a PhD and LLM from the University of Cambridge, and both a Law and an Economics degree from the University of Sydney, Australia.

## **INTRODUCING THE PARTNERS OF THE NOVA BHRE**

The International Law Association/Association de Droit International was founded in Brussels in 1873. Its objectives, under its Constitution, are "the study, clarification and development of international law, both public and private, and the furtherance of international understanding and respect for international law". The ILA has consultative status, as an international non-governmental organisation, with a number of the United Nations specialised agencies.

More information about ILA/ADI can be found [here](#)





## PUBLICATIONS AND BLOG POSTS

### **Publications**

**Risk-Based Due Diligence, Climate Change, Human Rights and the Just Transition**, Claire Bright and Karin Buhmann, 13(18) *Sustainability*, 1-18, available at: <https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/13/18/10454>

### **Blog Posts**

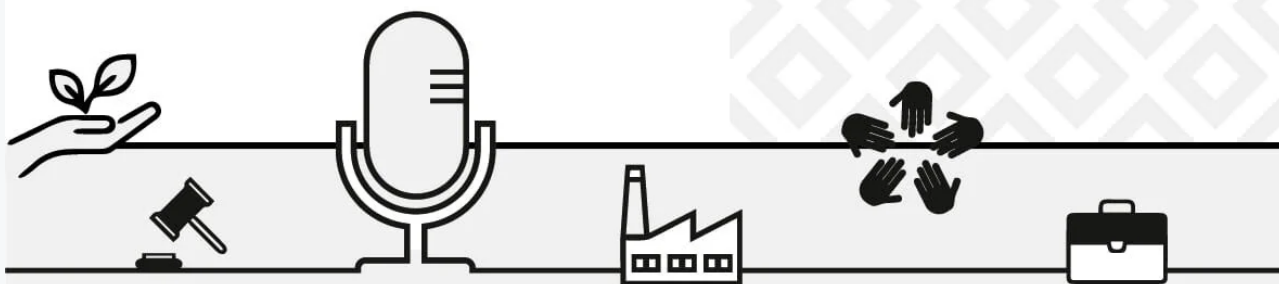
**Gender Equality and Business and Human Rights** by **Penelope Simons**, September 1st, 2021

**Corporate Due Diligence and Gender: a Plea for Intersectional Approaches** by **Nadia Bernaz**, September 1st, 2021

**Activists and Advancing Inclusive Business Cultures: Women Working for Change** by **Erika George**, September 6th, 2021

**Companies as drivers of positive changes to promote gender equality** by **Olena Uvarova**, September 13th, 2021

# PODCAST



The eighth episode of the Podcast series, about 'Business, human rights and migrant workers from the perspective of women's rights' is coming soon.

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