Corporate Leverage and Human Rights Due Diligence

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Guest Speakers:

Christian Ewert – President, amfori

Christian Ewert is the President of amfori, the leading global business association for open and sustainable trade, bringing together over 2,400 retailers, importers, brands and associations from more than 40 countries.

Prior to his role at amfori, Christian worked as President and CEO of ICTI CARE Foundation, the International Council of Toy Industries' (ICTI) programme to promote social compliance in the supply chain producing for the toy and children's products industry. Christian previously worked as the Chief Operating Officer and Member of the Board of Zapf Creation, Europe's leading manufacturer of branded play & function and collector dolls and doll accessories. For more than 10 years he held the position of Managing Director and Chairman of North Sails Lanka which is the leading manufacturer of products for the windsurfing industry, operating two factories and employing more than 1000 staff. Christian had previously held the position of the CEO of Mistral Sports, the market leader in the windsurfing industry.

Dr Franziska Humbert – Senior Policy Advisor Business and Human Rights, Oxfam Germany

Franziska Humbert studied law in Heidelberg, London and Berlin and did a PhD at the World Trade Institute at the University of Berne, published in 2009 with the title 'The Challenge of Child Labour in International Law' by Cambridge University Press.

Before joining Oxfam, she worked as a lawyer in the field of labour, media and competition law.

Since 2004, she has been working at Oxfam as policy advisor on business and human rights. She is doing research on human rights in value chains, publishes studies and engages with corporate and political decision makers.

She has also been teaching international economic law at the University of Zurich and has submitted her postdoctoral thesis to the Faculty of Law of the University of Berne.
Juliane Michel – Head of Corporate Responsibility, ISA-TRAESKO

Juliane Michel holds a B.A. in International Cultural and Business Studies and a M.A. in Southeast Asian Studies, which included research semesters and traineeships in Myanmar and Nepal. She is currently finishing her MBA in Sustainability Management. Since 2016 Juliane Michel is working with ISA-TRAESKO, a German importer specialized in producing and trading of shoes and accessories, where she is Global Head of Corporate Responsibility, leading the department for social and environmental standards, sustainability, supply chain auditing and training.

Lena Peleikis – CR Lead Human Rights & Supply Chain Transparency, Otto Group

- Born 1983
- Studies of ‘Applied Cultural Sciences’ in Lüneburg and Rome
- Worked in the field of sustainability and corporate responsibility at Beiersdorf (Nivea) and British American Tobacco (company foundation for future studies)
- Worked for the GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit; German Corporation for International Cooperation GmbH), and the German Partnership for Sustainable Textiles
- Since 2016 with the Otto Group as ‘CR Lead Human Rights & Supply Chain Transparency"

Lorenz Berzau – Network Representative Germany and Austria, amfori

Lorenz is amfori Network Representative Germany and Austria; in this capacity he supports amfori members in these two countries with any question related to amfori, especially with regard to amfori BSCI. He is also liaising with stakeholders in both countries such as government, associations, NGOs, as well as media. Lorenz also is a trainer in the amfori framework, delivering workshops with a focus on amfori BSCI.

Prior to his current role, Lorenz served as project coordinator and then BSCI Managing Director from 2004 until 2015, managing the initiative with its different pillars, as well as conducting training workshops and stakeholder sessions in Europe as well as in sourcing countries. He started his career in the field of sustainability in 2002 working at the Foreign Trade Association of German Retail Trade.
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<th>Tyler Gillard – Head of Due Diligence, Centre for Responsible Business Conduct, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs - OECD</th>
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<td>Tyler Gillard is the Head of Due Diligence and Senior Legal Adviser in the OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct. He leads the OECD’s work on due diligence, including in the financial, textiles, mining &amp; metals, oil &amp; gas and agriculture sectors. Tyler joined the OECD in 2009 to lead the multi-stakeholder negotiation of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas. He has since overseen the development of numerous other due diligence standards, including most recently the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct, applicable to all sectors of the economy. As part of the OECD’s implementation of these instruments, Tyler works closely with governments, the private sector and civil society to integrate these standards into relevant international processes, national laws, industry programmes and business practice.</td>
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<td>Before joining the OECD, Tyler was a fellow in international law at Columbia Law School where he worked with the Human Rights Institute and the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment on responsible business conduct, international investment law and transparency in the extractive industry. He has an LL.M. from Columbia Law School and an LL.B. from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London.</td>
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<td>Valentina is Social and Environmental Policy Advisor at amfori where she is responsible for contributing to amfori’s advocacy work in the field of social sustainability and supply chain policies with a special focus on human rights due diligence.</td>
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<td>Prior to joining amfori, Valentina worked on sustainability issues related to the tech sector ranging from responsible sourcing, substance restrictions, energy, material efficiency, waste, repair and refurbishment.</td>
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