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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Training Course in “Business & Human Rights Summer School VIII edition – BHR Summer School, I Edizione” academic year 2024/2025

#### Art. 1 Object

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa has activated the Training Course in “Business & Human Rights Summer School VIII edition”, I Edizione (BHR Summer School), as part of the activities envisaged by the Jean Monnet Module AENEAS – European Due Diligence Law in Global Value Chains, pursuant to art. 7 of the School's Charter.

The scientific committee of the course is composed of Angelica Bonfanti (University of Milan), Marta Bordignon (Human Rights International Corner), Marco Fasciglione (National Research Council of Italy), Chiara Macchi (Wageningen University) and Giuseppe Di Vetta (Sant'Anna School).

The Business & Human Rights Summer School will be held at the Sant'Anna School from 23rd June until 27th June, for a total of 30 hours. A limited number of online participants will be accepted.

The official language of the Summer School is English.

#### Art. 2 ECTS Credits

The Course does not grant ECTS credits

#### Art. 3 Learning Objectives

The course has the following learning objectives:

- Offering a comprehensive, in-depth, and critical framing of the most significant developments in the field of Business & Human Rights, through the lens of both International Law and domestic legal systems.
- Offering advanced and specific knowledge of the evolution of EU Due Diligence Law, especially in view of the entering into force of the CSRD and CSDDD.
- Furthering knowledge of Global Value Chains as emerging contexts in which Human Rights violations can happen, even at a systemic level, and a concerning state of impunity persists, especially when it comes to corporate actors.



- Developing the attendee's ability of navigating the complex scenarios in which Business & Human Rights topics develop, in view of the various dimensions at play (legislative, judicial, international organisations, activities of other actors, both institutional and not).
- Developing the attendee's ability to face, critically and operatively, developments in the field of Business & Human Rights.
- Developing the attendee's ability to identify the innovative elements of the Business & Human Rights field, especially in the EU and international context.
- Developing the attendee's ability to think across the many sectors affected by transformations of the Business & Human Rights field.

The Summer School aims at providing students, academics, corporations, NGOs, lawyers, CSR experts, consultancies, institutions, public-and private-sector practitioners with comprehensive knowledge of the legal mechanisms and tools applicable in the field of business and human rights while keeping up with current relevant developments at national, regional and international level.

To this aim it follows a smart-mix approach, composed of theoretical and practical classes and forums given by lecturers with different backgrounds, including academics, NGOs, lawyers, corporations, consultants, public institutions' officers.

#### **Art. 4 Structure and Contents**

The Summer School's sessions are spread over four-and-a-half days. Each day is composed of 6 hours of lessons with a lunch break of 1 hour.

The Summer School is divided into sessions that focus on a variety of topics, such as

- the UNPGs + 10 and the CSDDD in Transnational context
- Theory and Practice of Human Rights Due Diligence
- Sustainability and Human Rights
- The implementation of EU due diligence law at national level
- Access to Justice and Remedy for HR Abuses
- Business, armed conflict and democracy

#### **Art. 5 Target audience and admission requirements**

The Course is intended for students, academics, corporations, NGOs, lawyers, CSR experts, consultancies, institutions, public-and private-sector practitioners.

Applicants must have a university degree or have qualified experience that is in line with the objectives of the course.

The above requirements must be met on the closing date for applications.



The Administration may decide to exclude a candidate, at any time, with a motivated decision, if the prescribed requirements have not been met.

## **Art. 6**

### **Application procedure**

Applicants shall apply, exclusively online, at [Business & Human Rights Summer School VIII edition – BHR Summer School](#) webpage. A tutorial with detailed instructions on the application procedure will be available on the same webpage.

There are several deadlines for entries, specified as follows:

The first deadline (*early-bird*) to get a discounted registration fee is set on **23rd April 2025 at 12:00 (noon) CET**, while the final application deadline is **31st May 2025 at 12:00 (noon) CET**.

Prospective applicants must submit the following documentation, in electronic format, attached to the application:

- an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae
- a motivational statement
- a currently valid identity document

Applications received after the deadline, incomplete applications or applications submitted in a form other than indicated in this article, will not be considered.

Falsification of documents and fraudulent statements are punished in accordance with the Italian Criminal Code and the special applicable laws, Art. 75 and Art. 76 of Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) No. 445/2000.

The Sant'Anna School may monitor the truthfulness of the statements provided and the documents submitted at any time during the procedure, even after the Course has started, and request the original documents to be submitted. In the case of false statements, the Sant'Anna School may decide, at any time, to exclude candidates from the selection procedure, based on a motivated decision issued by the Chancellor, without prejudice to the resulting criminal liability.

## **Art. 7**

### **Selection of candidates**

Applicants will be selected based on the information provided in their CVs and in the motivational letter. Selection will be conducted by an ad hoc committee headed by the course coordinator. The selection will be based on a combination of the evaluation of CV, professional experience and motivation.

The Committee selects the candidates based on the following parameters:

- Academic Curriculum, up to 30/100 points
- Motivational statement, up to 40/100 points



- Professional background (in relevant areas), up to 30/100 points

Only applicants who receive an overall score of at least 65/100 points will be considered eligible for the Course.

The younger candidate will have precedence in the case of ex-aequo.

The Selection Committee will prepare the list of admitted and reserve applicants which will be published on the Course website. The result of the selection will be notified to applicants by email in due time.

The Course is open to no more than 40 participants and no less than 15 participants. Sant'Anna cannot be held responsible for expenses incurred by selected applicants if the course is cancelled because the minimum number of participants (15) is not reached. A limited number of 10 online participants is accepted.

## **Art. 8 Enrolment fees**

The fees are as follows:

- *Regular*: 930,00 euros.  
Application as *regular* is reserved for professionals and business representatives. The regular early bird registration fee is 830,00 euros.
- *Students*: 820,00 euros.  
Application as *students* is reserved for undergraduates and postgraduates. The early bird student's registration fee is 700,00 euros.
- *Online*: 650,00 euros. Early bird registration reductions do not apply. A limited number of 10 online participants is accepted.

Travel and accommodation in Pisa during the Summer School are the exclusive responsibility of each participant.

In accordance with art. 9 paragraph 2 of Decree No 68/2012, students with disabilities greater than or equal to 66%, recognized pursuant to art. 3, paragraph 1, of Law 104/1992, are exempted from the payment of the tuition fee. A reduction of 1.5% for each percentage point of disability is applied to those students with disabilities less than 66%. The student with disabilities who intends to make use of the exemption or reduction of the tuition fee shall attach a suitable certification in the on-line application.

If for any reason a participant is not able to attend the Course, she or he will not be reimbursed the amount paid. The fee already paid will be refunded if the Course is not initiated because the minimum number of participants fails to be reached. The Sant'Anna School cannot be held responsible for all the other expenses incurred by selected applicants if the course is cancelled because the minimum number of participants is not reached.



**Art. 9**  
**Acceptance procedure and method of payment**

Candidates who have been accepted onto the course are required to confirm their attendance by the deadline indicated in the notification of admission. This notification will also include instructions for the payment of the enrolment fee, which can be made by bank transfer or the PagoPa procedure.

**Art. 10**  
**Educational Qualification issued**

At the end of the Course the Sant'Anna School will issue a certificate of attendance to participants who have attended at least 80% of classes, with value to the extent permitted by law.

**Art. 11**  
**Person responsible for the competitive entrance examination procedure, personal data processing and prevention of corruption measures**

Under the art. 5 of the Act n. 241/90 and ff.mm., the person in charge of the competition procedure is Mrs. Lucia Viegi, Head of the U.O. Higher Education - Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Via Santa Cecilia 3, 56127 Pisa - tel. 050/883187 - e-mail: [altaformazione@santannapisa.it](mailto:altaformazione@santannapisa.it). Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (hereinafter the "School"), represented by the Rector, as Data Controller, under the article 13 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation n. 679/2016 and under the Italian Legislative Decree 30 June 2003 ("Privacy Code regarding the protection of personal data") with regard to the processing of personal data, and on his behalf, Giovanna Bottai, [altaformazione@santannapisa.it](mailto:altaformazione@santannapisa.it).

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