

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME
ICCSR 6TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
7th NOVEMBER 2008
NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY GREAT HALL & SENATE CHAMBER
UNIVERSITY PARK, NOTTINGHAM**

**SPHERES OF INFLUENCE/SPHERES OF RESPONSIBILITY:
MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

In his third report as Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of Human Rights and Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises, Professor John Ruggie has argued:

- States have a duty to protect human rights
- Corporations have a responsibility to respect human rights; and
- States have a duty to ensure that when and if corporations fail to respect human rights, these failures be investigated, punished and redressed.

These arguments are of vital interest to business ethics and business and society scholars and practitioners. Ruggie's suggestions arguably represent a reassertion of a more traditional division of labour between business and government: A reassertion of the belief that ***businesses should predominantly be concerned with the production of goods and services (and obeying laws and more generally recognized moral precepts); whilst governments should be concerned with the establishment and enforcement of these "rules of the game"***.

Ruggie's third report demands serious engagement from those who argue for more (and less) expansive notions of corporate social responsibility.

The ICCSR's sixth annual symposium will bring together international expertise on business ethics, human rights, business and corporate social responsibility with the aim to contribute to a wider understanding of the implications of these recommendations for business practice and academic research.

Confirmed Keynote Speakers and Contributors include:

Professor Robert McCorquodale – Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law - Robert's research and teaching interests are in the areas of public international law and human rights law.

Chris Avery - Director, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre formerly Legal Adviser and Deputy Head of Research Department, Amnesty International.

Professor Denis Arnold - Surtman Distinguished Scholar in Business Ethics, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Additional keynote speakers and contributors are being confirmed.



CALL FOR PAPERS

The open call for paper contributions to this conference remains open until **Friday 26th September**. If you wish to submit papers for presentation at the Symposium please relate your ideas to the above contextual information and submit an abstract of 1000 words to Dr. Glen Whelan – glen.whelan@nottingham.ac.uk before this date.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

<i>8.45 Registration</i>	
9:15 – 10:00	Keynote Presentation
10:00 – 11:00	Keynote Presentation
11.00-11.30 Refreshments	
11:30 – 13:00	Stream 1 – Paper Presentations
	Stream 2 – Human Rights Workshop*
<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Keynote Presentation
15:00 – 16:00	Panel Discussion
<i>16.00-17.00 Reception</i>	
<i>Close</i>	

*Limited places will be available at a Human Rights Workshop. Attendance fee £50.00

WORKSHOP

The workshop will be facilitated by Twenty Fifty and will provide participants with a briefing on the history of the Business and Human Rights debate, outline emerging practice and highlight key elements of Ruggie's Report. The session will include an opportunity to discuss the implications of this for business practice.

Facilitator - Luke Wilde – Director of 2050 and an international specialist in organisational development and human rights within multinational businesses, the United Nations and the public sector.

REGISTRATION

Registration for this symposium is now open.

Symposium Fee £70 (Full time Students £35 – supporting evidence to be provided)
Human Rights Workshop Fee (limited places) £50.00 (No Concessions)



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I would like to attend the symposium:

Name:

Title / Position:

Organisation:

Contact Address:

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**SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FEE: £70.00
(Full time students £35.00 –please provide supporting evidence)**

I wish to pay by: (please tick box)

- Cheque (Sterling cheques only made payable to **University of Nottingham**)
- Invoice
- Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Switch

If you wish to pay by credit card please contact Karen Maltby (+44 (0)115 846 7854) with details.

HUMAN RIGHTS WORKSHOP FEE: £50.00 (Limited Spaces Available)

- I am interested in attending the Human Rights Workshop

**Please return this form to: Karen Maltby, ICCSR, Nottingham University Business School, Jubilee Campus, Wollaton Road, Nottingham NG8 1BB, UK.
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