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Andrea Shemberg was Legal Advisor to Professor John Ruggie, the then UN Secretary-General's Special Representative on Business and Human Rights (SRSG), from 2007 until the end of his Mandate in June 2011. Andrea headed the SRSG's work on investment and human rights and conducted the research jointly sponsored by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Special Representative on investment contracts and human rights. She also led the project that culminated in the SRSG's Principles on Responsible Contracts, submitted to the Human Rights Council along with his final report. Andrea began her legal career as a management-side attorney in Labour and Employment law advising companies on issues of health and safety, workplace discrimination and other labour rights issues. Andrea's work in Business and Human Rights began in 2002 when she became Legal Advisor to the Economic Relations team at Amnesty International UK, focusing on investment contracts and human rights. In 2006 Andrea became the Legal Officer in charge of launching the Economic Relations program at the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), leading the ICJ's first phase of research and policy work on corporate complicity in human rights abuse. Andrea holds a JD with honours from The Ohio State University and an MSc in Human Rights with Distinction from the London School of Economics.