

Event proposal

Interventions: how to address corporate human rights violations.

Speakers

- Krishnendu Mukerjee – Doughty Street Chambers
- Samuel Genen – Steel & Shamash
- TBC - Platform

Location

- At a Chambers, University or event space. I would like to find a large space that promoted a more informal discussion and participation from the audience. Depending on the numbers of attendees, I would organise the chairs in a circle or different formation to try and foster an exchange between practitioners and students.

The idea behind the event is to explore the different forums and mechanisms available to promote accountability for human rights violations committed by corporations. The event will bring together lawyers, such as Krishnendu Mukerjee and Samuel Genen, as well as activists from Platform to address the tools available to expose and address this global issue. Each will bring a different perspective to the rights at stake, the responsibility of state and non-state actors and the mechanisms available to seek accountability. For example, Krishnendu Mukerjee has worked on the environmental damage caused by business operations in India and Samuel Genen works in the field of prison law in the UK, a sector where prisons and probation services are increasingly privatised. On the other hand, members of Platform promote a transition towards sustainable energy supplies as well as running a longstanding campaign against Shell for their responsibility for the environmental damage and political violence in the Niger Delta. The speakers will be asked to explore the extent to which legal or non-legal interventions have the capacity to change state regulation and corporate behaviour.