Author Guidelines

The Teaching Business and Human Rights Handbook, a project of the Teaching Business and Human Rights Forum (TeachBHR.org), seeks to advance business and human rights education by providing teachers with resources for teaching the most common business and human rights topics.

Teaching Note authors are encouraged to follow a common format. Each Teaching Note should include four sections:

I. A brief Overview that summarizes the topic, its relevance and current key issues. Each Teaching Note is intended to be read alone. Notes may reference other topics or Notes, but should not rely upon other Notes to be understood by the reader. (2-4 pages)

II. A discussion of Teaching Approaches highlighting ways the subject can be taught in different faculties and representative learning objectives. The syllabi contained in the Teaching BHR Forum Syllabi Bank can be a source for specific examples. (1-2 pages)

III. Key Questions, categorized as General, For business students, For law students, and For policy students. (1-2 pages)

IV. A representative list of Teaching Resources, with citations, comprising Readings (subcategorized as appropriate), Videos, Teaching Cases, Exercises/Lesson Plans, Additional Materials and Links. Include brief annotations of select resources. (1+ pages)

You may refer to the first Teaching Note, Introducing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, as a template.

Citations should follow Chicago Manual of Style format. (We are exploring using a common academic citation platform, like Zotero, to organize and compile references.)

Prior to publication, Teaching Notes will be edited by members of the Teaching BHR Forum. Once finalized, Teaching Notes will be posted to the online platform (http://tbhrforum.org). Teaching Note authors are encouraged to update the Resources section of their notes periodically.

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