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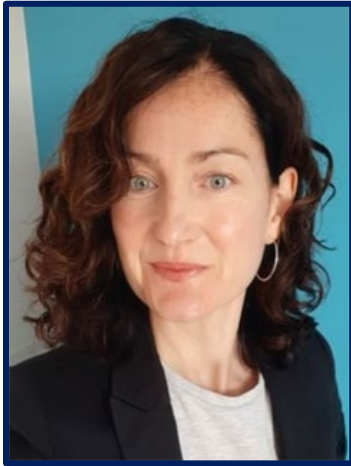
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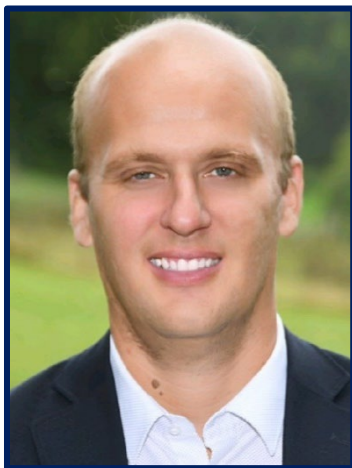
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He has published extensively on business and human rights, the rule of law and human rights law. Jernej has recently published two academic monographs, namely: “Corporate accountability under socio-economic rights”, Oxon; New York: Routledge, 2020, and “The Impact of European Institutions on the Rule of Law and Democracy: Slovenia and Beyond” Oxford, Hart (Bloomsbury), 2020 (with Matej Avbelj). His studies have been cited in the reports of the United Nations, the European Parliament and the Council of Europe, in decisions of the Slovenian Constitutional Court and academic studies from all parts of the world.

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Since 2018 she was closely collaborating with Belarusian Helsinki Committee in developing and promoting the BHR agenda in Belarus.

Since 2021 she is working as an International law and business&human rights expert of Belarusian Helsinki Committee. As well she is working as an independent expert on international law and the Rule of law topics with Belarusian think tanks.

She is an author of the [Country Guide for Business, State and Civil Society “Belarus: human rights and business” \(2019\)](#), and some [other publications](#), related to the analysis and promotion of BHR agenda in Belarus ([Rus language versions](#)). She has as well actively contributed as a lecturer in different educational activities, conducted by Belarusian NGOs on the BHR topic.



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Co-founder of the CSR Watch Coalition Poland and the Central and Eastern European Association on Business and Human Rights. Member of the BHRight Initiative for Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching on BHR and Teaching BHR Forum. CEE region advisor at Global Business Initiative. Member of the Advisory Board of Amnesty International Poland and UNAP. One of the 50 women of Polish CSR on the FOB 2013 list. One of the 25 Leaders of Sustainability in Poland (Women Forbes List 2021).

She regularly conducts training sessions and workshops on BHR for business and other actors, and has taught as Guest Lecturer at postgraduate studies at i.a. Vistula University, Bergen University, Sopotcka Akademia Nauk Stosowanych. She is also a guest Co-Editor of the Special Issue on Business and Human Rights in Eastern Europe for the 'Business and Human Rights Journal' (Cambridge University Press) and a member of the journal's Developments in the Filed editorial panel.

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A lecturer at workshops on the scope of air quality legal issues for civil servants and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights for employees of OECD NCPs from CEE countries and NGOs representatives. The author of specific instances within OECD NCP procedure regarding the violation of OECD guidelines for multinational enterprises in the field of human rights and environmental protection, including issues relating to air-quality, climate change and non-financial reporting.



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She has twenty years' experience of advising governments, international businesses, international development agencies, financial institutions, and human rights organisations on business and human rights matters. She has published 3 draft framework-style instruments on business and human rights that have attracted attention and discussion amongst governments and other actors. Her work has been cited by the United Nations, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Union. Claire's publications include the Council of Europe's [Business and human rights. A Handbook for Legal Practitioners, Public procurement and human rights: Opportunities, Risks and Dilemmas for the State as Buyer](#).

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He specialises in the regulation of multinational enterprises, international investment law and business and human rights having published numerous articles, book chapters and papers in these areas. He is the author of *Multinational Enterprises and the Law* (Third edition, Oxford University Press, 2021) and co-editor (with Dr Federico Ortino and Professor Christoph Schreuer) of the *Oxford Handbook of International Investment Law* (Oxford University Press, 2008) to which he also contributed three chapters. He has co-edited (with Julia Black and Paul Walker) *Commercial Regulation and Judicial Review* (Hart Publishing, 1998). He has recently completed a new introductory book on business and human rights entitled *Advanced Introduction to Business and Human Rights* (Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming July 2022).

He acted as a principal legal adviser to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on investment issues for fourteen years between 1997 and 2012. During the period of June-October 2003 he was on leave of absence from Kent Law School and worked at UNCTAD in Geneva as a Senior Legal Expert in the Division on Investment Technology and Enterprise Development (now the Division on Investment and Enterprise). He was, until its dissolution in August 2008, Co-Rapporteur to the International Law Association Committee on the International Law on Foreign Investment. He acted as Adviser to the International Commission of Jurists Expert Panel on Corporate Complicity in International Crimes between 2006-2008.



Umida Niyazova

Executive Director of Uzbek Forum for Human Rights

Umida Niyazova is the Executive Director of the Berlin-based NGO Uzbek Forum for Human Rights (Uzbek Forum). She worked as a human rights advocate in Uzbekistan from 2000 – 2008 when she was forced to flee her country because of her work. She has worked in the Tashkent offices of organizations such as Internews Network, Freedom House and Human Rights Watch.

In 2007, Umida was arrested in Tashkent and sentenced to seven years imprisonment on charges of the “production or distribution of materials that threaten public safety and public order” and for “smuggling extremist religious materials”. After widespread condemnation and with the help of international organizations, she was finally released after serving four months in prison.

In September 2009, Umida left Uzbekistan and sought political asylum in Berlin where she founded the [Uzbek Forum](#) and [eltuz.com](#), a satirical news platform which reports on political and current events in Uzbekistan. The organization with its team of monitors inside Uzbekistan, conducts monitoring of rights violations, collecting witness testimonies and evidence of abuses and conducts advocacy on the issues of child and forced labor in the cotton and silk sectors, the impact of investments by multilateral investment banks, corruption and responsible asset return, as well as raising awareness of violations of freedom of speech and association.

As a member of the Cotton Campaign, a global coalition of human and labor rights organizations, Uzbek Forum has participated in international outreach campaigns to raise awareness of forced child and adult labor in Uzbekistan’s cotton sector among retailers and consumers. Uzbek Forum’s monitoring findings played a pivotal role in informing the Campaign’s advocacy strategy, igniting a government reform process to abolish forced labor.

Umida holds a degree in electrical engineering from Tashkent Technical University, holds diplomas from the OSCE Academy for Journalism in Bishkek and the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights in Warsaw.

In 2008, Human Rights Watch honored Umida with its prestigious Human Rights Defender Award and in 2015 Umida had the privilege of accepting an award on behalf of prominent Uzbek activists by the International Labour Rights Forum.

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Ron Popper

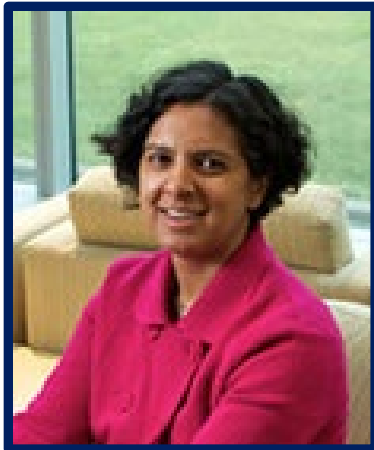
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Certified business trainer, project manager, tutor, mediator. In her consulting and training activities she uses innovative teaching methods such as: online tools, case studies, design thinking or visual thinking. She has been engaged as an expert in different international, educational and research projects relating to social responsibility and sustainable development.

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Andrea has worked in business and human rights for nearly 20 years. She began as Legal Advisor at Amnesty International UK and the International Commission of Jurists focusing on business, human rights and investment, before taking on the role of Legal Advisor to John

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