

# **THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF INVESTORS FOR A FAIR & JUST CLIMATE TRANSITION**

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**February 27 & 28, 2025**

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Host

**UConn Business & Human Rights Initiative**

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Organizers

**Stephen Park**

UConn Business & Human Rights Initiative

**Rachel Chambers**

UConn Business & Human Rights Initiative

**Karin Buhmann**

Copenhagen Business School

**Danielle Anne Pamplona**

Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná - PUCPR

## Workshop Participants

**Motoko Aizawa** (Independent)

**Oksan Bayuglen** (UConn Political Science)

**Davis Chacon Hurtado** (UConn Engineering & Human Rights)

**Barnali Choudhury** (Osgoode Hall Law School, York University)

**Aaron Dhir** (UConn Law)

**Mary Beth Gallagher** (Domini Impact Investments)

**Pedro Glatz** (Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility)

**Shareen Hertel** (UConn Political Science & Human Rights)

**Jette Steen Knudsen** (Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University)

**Molly Land** (UConn Law & Human Rights)

**Carol Liao** (Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia)

**Kathryn Libal** (UConn Social Work & Human Rights)

**Chiara Macchi** (Law Group, Wageningen University)

**Joe MacDougald** (UConn Law)

**Kindra Mohr** (BSR)

**Ashleigh Owens** (Shift)

**Desen Özkan** (UConn Engineering)

**Paul Rissman** (Rights CoLab)

**Sara Seck** (Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University)

**Tom Sgouros** (Brown University)

**Christine Shaw** (Franklin Templeton)

**Lucy Siers** (Center for Business & Human Rights, NYU Stern School of Business)

**Jessica Weaver** (Connecticut Office of the Treasurer)

## Rapporteurs

**Christina Clouser** (UConn Law)

**Meaghan Murphy** (UConn Law)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

### **Opening Event**

The Dodd Center for Human Rights, Konover Auditorium  
UConn Storrs Campus  
405 Babbidge Road, Storrs, CT

### **Keynote Address**

**4:00 PM**

- Erick Russell, Connecticut State Treasurer

### **Fireside Chat**

- Mary Beth Gallagher, Director of Engagement, Domini Impact Investments
- Kindra Mohr, Associate Director, Financial Services & Human Rights, BSR
- Paul Rissman, Co-Founder, Rights CoLab
- Stephen Park (moderator)
- Rachel Chambers (moderator)

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### **Dinner**

**6:00 PM**

UConn School of Business, Room 321 (Dean's Board Room)  
2100 Hillside Road, Storrs, CT



# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

## Workshop

Graduate Business Learning Center, Room 302  
UConn School of Business  
100 Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT

## Breakfast

**8:00 AM**

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## Session 1

**8:30 AM**

Presenters

- Motoko Aizawa, *JETPs: Are They Just, Equitable, and Ready for Transformation?*
- Dani Pamplona, *Responsible Investment, Just Transition and Sustainability in the Steel Industry: The Case of Ternium in Brazil*
- Sara Seck, *Business Climate Action and Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal: Investor Responsibilities for Environmental Human Rights*

Moderator

- Karin Buhmann
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## Break

**9:55 AM**

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## Session 2

**10:15 AM**

Presenters

- Karin Buhmann, *Critical Minerals: The Significance of Investors' Leverage for a Just Transition*
- Barnali Choudhury, *Shareholder Just Transition Activism*
- Jette Steen Knudsen, *Sustainable Finance in the Nordics: Implications for Work and Employment*

Moderator

- Dani Pamplona

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

**Lunch**

**11:40 AM**

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## **Session 3**

**12:20 PM**

Presenters

- Carol Liao, *Legal Intersections of Climate Risk, Indigenous Rights and Fiduciary Obligation*
- Chiara Macchi, *Business, Human Rights and Climate Due Diligence: Understanding the Responsibility of Banks*
- Lucy Siers, *Extreme Heat and Workers' Rights: Are the Sustainability Objectives of Apparel Brands Putting the Health of their Manufacturing Workers at Risk?*

Moderator

- Rachel Chambers

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## **Wrap Up**

**1:45 PM**

Organizers

- Stephen Park, Rachel Chambers, Karin Buhmann, and Dani Pamplona

## **Thank You for Joining Us**

The Business & Human Rights Initiative at UConn seeks to develop and support multidisciplinary research, education, and public engagement at the intersection of business and human rights. A partnership founded by Dodd Human Rights Impact Programs, the UConn School of Business, and the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute, our initiative collaborates with programs and units throughout UConn, and with institutions and organizations around the world.

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