

# National Law University, Jodhpur



## **Certificate Course On**

### **The Role of Transnational Codes of Conduct in the Energy Sector and Beyond: Do They Promote Socially Sustainable Globalization?**

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## **Course Instructor**

Prof. Jacqueline L. Weaver  
Professor Emerita, University of Houston Law Center, USA

## **Course Coordinator & Host Faculty**

Dr. Rosmy Joan

## **BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE COURSE**

This course will look at the large body of transnational “soft law” that has developed in the petroleum industry and many other sectors to respond to the demands from citizens, governments and NGOs for better environmental, safety, labor and human rights standards in the global operations of multinational companies. This “soft law” often originates in codes of conduct or principles of good practice based on voluntary standards developed by working groups from industry, NGOs, inter-governmental organizations and academics.

The course will trace how this “soft” law can harden into mandated standards that companies must obey even though the codes and principles are “voluntary.” This process occurs through government regulation, the enforcement of contractual provisions requiring “good or best industry practice,” and in tort litigation. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using these codes of conduct as a type of transnational regulation of multinational companies?

Case studies from the international petroleum and mining sectors are used to explore how this type of transnational governance has grown in response to offshore catastrophes like the Macondo blowout in the Gulf of Mexico, human rights abuses by government security forces at oilfield sites, and unsafe working conditions and large-scale pollution in corporate operations.

The course looks at the practices used today by companies that have pledged to support the UN General Principles on Business and Human Rights, the Voluntary Code on the Use of Security Forces, and others. Many codes of conduct apply to other sectors, including agriculture, apparel, and information technology. The lessons learned by major Western oil companies are applicable to Nike, Nestles, and Google and many other companies.

The class will have small group exercises to do as a team and encourages interactive discussion.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Registration Opens – January 12, 2020

Registration Closes – February 12, 2020

### **COURSE FEE**

Students – Rs. 2,000

Professionals – Rs. 3,500

### **MODE OF REGISTRATION&PAYMENT**

Online: <http://www.nlujodhpur.ac.in/programlist.php>

## **BRIEF PROFILE OF THE RESOURCE PERSON**



JACQUELINE L. WEAVER is Professor Emerita at the University of Houston Law Center, where she held the A.A. White Professor of Law chair until her retirement in 2018. Her teaching and research interests cover oil and gas law, energy law and policy, international petroleum transactions, and environmental and natural resources law. She has presented lectures or classes on topics in international petroleum transactions in Africa (Uganda, Namibia, and Angola), Kazakhstan (as a

Fulbright scholar), Lisbon, Bangkok, Mexico, London and in Australia. She is a co-author of two treatises: The Texas Law of Oil and Gas (2019) and International Petroleum Exploration & Exploitation Agreements (2009). She has also co-authored two leading casebooks: Energy, Economics and the Environment (2015) covers U.S. energy issues, and International Petroleum Transactions (2010) covers international oil and gas operations. She has written articles on offshore safety after the Macondo disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, energy markets, sustainable development in the international petroleum industry, comparative unitization laws, energy policy, and traditional U.S. oil and gas law topics. She has won several teaching awards. Professor Weaver holds a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University and a J.D. degree from the University of Houston.

## **HOW TO REACH JODHPUR**

Jodhpur is well connected by Air, Road and Rail with all the major cities and railway stations in India. Direct flights are available from New Delhi and Mumbai. The University is prominently located on NH-65 and is 30 min away from the Airport, 12 kms from the main Railway Station and 10 km from the Bus Stand. Taxis and Autorickshaws are easily available to commute to and from the University.

## **FOOD & ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation will be provided on request in the University on first come first serve basis on applicable University charges. There are also many good fair price lodgings available nearby the campus. There are 4 canteens available and participants can purchase food of their choice at their own expenses.

## ABOUT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR

National Law University, Jodhpur is an institution of national prominence established under the National Law University, Jodhpur, Act, 1999 enacted by the Rajasthan State Legislature.

NLUJ is dedicated to academic excellence and value education. NLUJ secured 6th position in the Ministry of Human Resource Development National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for premier education institutions in India 2019, and has won the prestigious India's No. 1 Brand Award consecutively for two years in the recent past.

At the National Law University, Jodhpur, we promote the use of green energy and the green initiative of the university is lauded as a mile stone in encouraging similar works across the country.

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