HUMR 5133 Business and Human Rights

Exam Questions Fall Term 2015

Please answer one of the two questions below.

Question 1

This question concerns extraterritoriality and challenges of universal jurisdiction. Provide a legal analysis of the *Kiobel vs Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.* case decision by the US Supreme Court. (Clearly state what a legal analysis entails.) You should discuss the majority as well as the minority opinion of the Court, and assess both opinions from the perspective of international human rights law.

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Question 2

Discuss impact assessment as a means to prevent business from doing human rights harms. You should address legal as well as social science perspectives and give illustrations of how at least two multi-national companies address and apply a human rights impact analysis. One of these companies should be a public sector enterprise. Discuss if the nature of public sector enterprises (state companies) raises specific legal human rights demands for business behaviour.

Length of essay: max 4000 words