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THROUGH THE LENS OF BRAZIL:
THE CHANGING DYNAMICS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS AND GLOBAL PHILANTHROPY IN EMERGING POWERS
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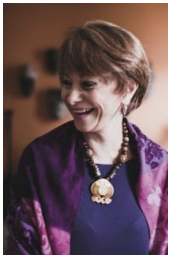


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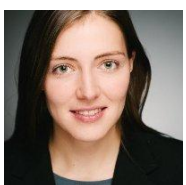


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