

The Law and Political Economy of Business and Human Rights

A Turn to Root Causes?

Erasmus University Rotterdam

10 & 11 November 2022

Organized by Ioannis Kampourakis (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and Lottie Late (University of Groningen) as part of the Sectoral Plan **‘Public and Private Interests: A New Balance’**.

Location: Erasmus University Rotterdam, Theil C2-4 (10 November), Theil C2-6 (11 November).
To join **online**, please register [here](#). All times are scheduled at Central European Time.

Thursday 10 November 2022

9:45 - 10.00

Welcome and Introduction

10.00 - 12.15

Reshaping Corporate Power Through Private Orders?

Discussant: Federica Violi

Antoine Duval (TMC Asser Institute), *The Dark Side of Human Rights Due Diligence: Can the Corporation really be turned into a ‘Good Despot’?*

Klaas H Eller (University of Amsterdam), *Confronting Price Squeeze in the Political Economy of Global Value Chains: The Next Frontier for #BizHR?*

Jaakko Salminen (Universities of Lund/CBS/Turku), *From Market Contracts to the Circular Economy—Law and Increasingly Holistic Conceptualizations of Production*

Lukas Bogner (Roskilde University) and Claire Methven O’Brien (University of Dundee), *Developing an LPE approach to the Informal Economy: Perspectives Based on a Comparison of Approaches to Informality in BHR and Sustainable Development Law, Policy and Scholarship*

****Lunch Break****

13.30 - 15.15

Corporate Power and International Investment Protection

Discussant: Lottie Lane

Alessandra Arcuri, Federica Violi, and Abdurrahman Erol (Erasmus University Rotterdam), *Policies on Foreign Investment in National Action Plans on BHR: Transformative Change or Reproduction?*

Nicolàs Perrone (Universidad de Valparaíso), *Bridging the Gap Between Foreign Investor Rights and Obligations: Towards Reimagining the International Law on Foreign Investment*

Maha Rafi Atal (University of Glasgow), *A “California Effect” for Human Rights: South Africa and the Bilateral Investment Regime*

****Coffee Break****

15:30 - 16.45

Platform Power and Private Governance

Discussant: Lottie Lane

Catalina Goanta (Utrecht University), Giovanni De Gregorio (University of Oxford), and Mateusz Grochowski (Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law), *Fragmentation of Rule of Law in the Platform Economy*

Eleanore Hickman and Philippa Collins (University of Bristol), *‘With Great Power comes Great Responsibility’ (Unless You’re a Platform?)*

17.00 - 19.00

Borrel (Drinks!) at Erasmus Paviljoen

20.00

Dinner at Restaurant Bazar, Witte de Withstraat 16

9.45 - 11.30

Holistic Critiques: Business and Human Rights in Perspective #1

Discussant: Ioannis Kampourakis

Charmika Samaradiwakera-Wijesundara (University of the Witwatersrand/Erasmus University Rotterdam), *Revisiting the Public-Private Dichotomy in Relation to Juristic Persons and Human Rights Obligations*

Amanda Perry-Kessaris (University of Kent), *Approaching the Law and Political Economy of Business and Human Rights in Sociolegal Design Mode*

David Birchall (London South Bank University), *From Denial of Realization to Funding Realization: A Law and Political Economy Approach to Business and Human Rights for the Contemporary Economic Order*

****Coffee Break****

11.45 - 13.00

Legal Mobilisation Against Corporate Power

Discussant: Michal Stambulski

Matthias Petel (Harvard Law School), *Greening or Breaking Capitalism? A Critical Discussion of Rights-Based Climate Litigation Against Carbon Majors*

Alessandra Arcuri (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and Scott Cummings (European University Institute and UCLA School of Law), *Legal Counter-Mobilization*

****Lunch Break****

14.15 - 16.00

Holistic Critiques: Business and Human Rights in Perspective #2

Discussant: Ioannis Kampourakis

Hannah Franzki and Angela M. Sánchez Alfonso (Freie Universität Berlin), *Business and Human Rights and Entangled Accumulation*

Flavia do Amaral Vieira (Federal University of Santa Catarina), *Coloniality and Corporations: A Global South Perspective*

Jindan-Karena Mann (University of Amsterdam), *Why Do Business-Related Human Rights Violations Happen? A Historical Analysis of Global Power, Interconnectivity, and Asymmetry*

16.00

Closing