



## **INTEREST GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

15<sup>th</sup> ESIL Annual Meeting

*Sovereignty: A Concept in Flux?*

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

### **WORKSHOP**

#### *Sovereignty and the Extraterritorial Obligations of States under International Human Rights Law*

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

From 8:15AM to 12:00PM

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, University Building  
45 Academias Street, Room 1

On the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> ESIL Annual Conference on *Sovereignty: A Concept in Flux?* the Interest Group on International Business and Human Rights invites its members and other interested academic and experts to join a discussion about the sovereignty and the extraterritorial obligations of States under international human rights law.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The theme of the 15th ESIL Annual Conference leads with sovereignty, and to what extent this fundamental concept of public international law is under strain due to multiple challenges, ranging from an increasing number of territorial disputes, the vanishing of territories due to climate change and the diminishing of independence due to globalisation. Against this background, the Workshop organized by the ESIL Interest Group on International Business and Human Rights seeks to re-examine the extraterritorial obligations of States under international human rights law to regulate business entities that operate transnationally. The aim of the Workshop is to assess how, and to what extent, extraterritoriality impacts on the State duty to protect human rights, the corporate responsibility to respect human rights and on the victims' right to access remedies.

#### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Welcome and Objectives of the Workshop – The Coordinating Committee**  
**8:15 – 8:30**

**Presentation of the Papers**  
**8:30 – 10:00**

*Business, Human Rights and the Environment: Exploring the Extraterritorial Obligations Under the American Convention on Human Rights in Environmental Matters* – **Daniel Iglesias Márquez** (Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Seville)

*State Practice with Regard to Trade with Occupied Territories* – **Eugene Kontorovich** (Professor, George Mason University Law School)

*The Local Nested into the Global: New Approaches to “Territoriality” in Climate Change Litigation* – **Antonella Angelini** (Visiting Researcher, Columbia University)

*The OECD National Contact Points and their Role in Providing Extraterritorial Access to Remedies* – **Fanny Pulver** (PhD Candidate and Research Fellow, University of Zürich)

*Criminal Liability of Multinational Corporations for Extraterritorial Human Rights Violations* – **Georgia Chatzitheodorou** (Researcher, Hague Academy of International Law, Centre for Studies and Research; Georgia Chatzitheodorou Law Office)

*Situating Stakeholder Analysis within Transnational Legal Theory: A Case of Transnational Land Investment Contracts* – **Naoyuki Okano** (Post-Doctoral Fellow, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo)

*The Validity of Investor Obligations in Investment Treaties* – **Martin Andrew Jarrett** (Senior Lecturer, University of Mannheim)

*The Struggle to Regulate Internet Intermediaries to Protect Human Rights Online* – **Ana Gascón Marcén** (Lecturer, University of Zaragoza)

*The Shifting Paradigm of State Sovereignty: Enforcing the Extraterritorial Obligations of Transnational Corporations under Domestic Law* – **Shashwat Singh** (Hidayatullah National Law University, India)

#### **Questions and Answers**

**10:00 – 10:15**

#### **Keynote Speaker**

**10:15 – 10:45**

Marko Milanovic, Professor of Public International Law, Nottingham University

#### **Networking Break**

**10:30 – 11:00**

#### **General Meeting with the IG Members**

**11:00 – 12:00**

- Updates on the activities of the IG Members
- Outlook: ESIL 2020 Annual Conference to be held in Stockholm: *International Law Making and National Legal Orders* (10 – 12 September 2020)

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Workshop!

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