



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

16<sup>th</sup> ESIL Annual Conference

*Changes in International Lawmaking: Actors, Processes, Impact*

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Stockholm University

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### **WORKSHOP**

*International Business and Human Rights: Changes in International Lawmaking*

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

On the occasion of the 16<sup>th</sup> ESIL Annual Conference on *Changes in International Lawmaking: Actors, Processes, Impact* the Interest Group on International Business and Human Rights invites its members and other interested academic and experts to join a discussion about recent changes in international lawmaking as applicable to international business and human rights.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The theme of the 16th ESIL Annual Conference retrospectively takes us to a time when international lawmaking and its national implementation was relatively easy to understand and control. At that time, international lawmaking took place primarily through international agreements that were initiated, negotiated and concluded via diplomatic channels and then submitted to national legislators for legislative approval or underwent through other processes of domestication. This status quo could not be more different now. Today international lawmaking includes not only new mechanisms, but also new actors such as international government organisations, inter-agency networks, non-governmental organisations, corporations and other private entities. Against this background, the Workshop organized by the ESIL Interest Group on International Business and Human Rights seeks to re-examine changes in international lawmaking, as applicable to international business and human rights. The aim of the Workshop is to assess how, and to what extent new forms of lawmaking, new mechanisms and new actors impacts on the field of international business and human rights in general.

### **PROGRAMME**

#### **Welcome and Objectives of the Workshop**

The Coordinating Committee

**11:00 – 11:15**

#### **First session**

**11:15 – 12:00**

*Towards a Transnational Framework for Corporate Accountability for Human Rights and Environment: Exploring the Interplay between International and Domestic Law* – **Emanuela Orlando** (Lecturer in Environmental Law, University of Sussex)

*Regulatory Tipping Points in Business and Human Rights* – **Kishanthi Parella** (Associate Professor, Washington and Lee University School of Law)

*Exploring the Smart Mix: An Analysis of The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil Initiative* – **Varsha Iyengar** (Partner, Arka Law)

**Questions and Answers**

**12:00 – 12:20**

**Lunch and Networking Break  
General Meeting with the IG Members**

**12:20 – 13:00**

**Second Session**

**13:00 – 13:30**

*IBHR Law-Making Through Investment Treaties: Human Rights-Related Obligations of Business* – **Klara Polackova Van der Ploeg** (Assistant Professor of Law, University of Nottingham)

*Non-state Actors and Law-making in IBHR: The Internet Intermediaries' Responsibility to Respect Human Rights and the UNGPs' non-State-based Grievance Mechanisms* – **Mihaela Buzenche** (Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg)

**Keynote Speech**

**13.30 – 14.00**

*COVID, Control, and Complicity in Rwanda: Human Rights Intersectionality in the Dead Spaces between Legal and Markets Regimes*

**Larry Catá Backer**

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**Questions and Answers**

**14:00 – 14:30**

We look forward to seeing you at our Workshop!

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