### Conference Program

**Utrecht, May 18-20th, 2017**

**Friday, May 19, 2017 – Paushuize (Kromme Nieuwegracht 49)**

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<td>Geert van Calster (Leuven University) – <em>For a Fistful of Dollars. Some critical</em></td>
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thoughts on the State of Play in Corporate Accountability

16:55 – 17:15
Questions and discussion

17:15 – 18:15
Drinks

Overview of parallel thematic sessions

PANEL 1 – Accountability through international regulation
Chair: Cedric Ryngaert
Location: Luxemburgzaal – 2nd floor

Keynote speaker

11:30 – 11:50
Karin Buhmann (Copenhagen Business School) - Risk-based Due Diligence and National Contact Points Specific Instances: towards a Jurisprudence on what Constitutes Responsible Business Conduct?

Panelists

11:50 – 12:05
Daniëlla Dam-de Jong (Leiden University) - The Viability of Due Diligence as a Model to Establish Corporate Accountability Under International Criminal Law: Tackling Corporate Involvement in the Illicit Exploitation of Natural Resources from Conflict Zones

12:05 – 12:20
Wim Huisman, Mark Hornman & Marjolein Cupido (VU University Amsterdam) – Holding Business Leaders Accountable for International Crimes: Lessons from Abroad

12:20 – 12:35
Aleydis Nissen (Cardiff University) – Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea? A WTO Interpretation of Import Restrictions as Suggested by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

12:35 – 13:15
Discussion

13:15 – 14:15
Lunch

Keynote speaker

14:15 – 14:35
Nicola Jägers (Tilburg University) - The Role of National Human Rights Institutions in Respect of Business and Human Rights

Panelists

14:35 – 14:50
Klara Boonstra (VU University Amsterdam) - The potential impact of ILO instruments on the supply-chain of MNE’s

14:50 – 15:05
Tara Van Ho (Aarhus University) - Business Actors and International Crimes: Should Investment Law Rule the Response?

15:05 – 15:20
Katerina Yiannibas (University of Deusto) - The Adaptability of International Arbitration: Reforming the Arbitration Mechanism to Provide Effective Remedy for Business Related Human Rights Abuses

15:20 – 16:00
Discussion

16:00 – 16:30
Coffee
PANEL 2 – Accountability through national public law

Chair: François Kristen
Location: Cardinal de Bouillonzaal – 2nd floor

Keynote speaker

11:30 – 11:50 Judith van Erp (Utrecht University) – Reputation as a Regulatory Instrument: the Potential and Pitfalls of Naming and Shaming Corporations

Panelists

11:50 – 12:05 Annika van Baar (Utrecht University) – Conflict, Minerals and Reporting Obligations for Multinational Business Operations (what Did Dodd-Frank 1502 Do?)
12:05 – 12:20 Anne-Jetske Schaap (Utrecht University) – Legally Binding Duties of Corporations under Domestic Criminal Law to Prevent Modern Slavery
12:20 – 12:35 Martina Gasser (Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs) – TBA
12:35 – 13:15 Discussion

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

Keynote speaker

14:15 – 14:35 Radu Mares (Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund) – The Tightening and Deepening of CSR – Implications at the Interface between Public and Private Regulation

Panelists

14:35 – 14:50 Myrthe Vogel (VU University Amsterdam) – The Added Value of Tender-Based Public Procurement as an Instrument to Promote Human Rights Compliance: What Impact to Expect from the Instrument’s Inherent Characteristics
14:50 – 15:05 Jessy Emaus & François Kristen (Utrecht University) – From too Big to Be Governed to not too Big to Be Responsible?
15:20 – 16:00 Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee
PANEL 3 – Accountability through private law

Chair: Ivo Giesen
Location: ‘s Jacobzaal – 1st floor

Keynote speaker

11:30 – 11:50 Martijn Scheltema (Erasmus University Rotterdam and Pels Rijcken & Droogleever Fortuijn advocaten en notarissen) – Better Human Rights Compliance in Supply Chains by Strengthening Contractual Mechanisms

Panelists

12:05 – 12:20 Lucas Roorda (Utrecht University) – Private International Law Jurisdiction as a Tool for Improving Access to Remedy
12:20 – 12:35 Nicolas Bueno (Université de Lausanna) - From Responsibility to Liability: The Swiss Federal Initiative on Responsible Business

12:35 – 13:15 Discussion

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

Keynote speaker

14:15 – 14:35 Vibe Ulfbeck (University of Copenhagen) – Sustainable Supply Chains - Towards a Concept of Production Liability?

Panelists

14:35 – 14:50 Loes Lennarts (Groningen & Utrecht University) – Preventing Adverse Human Rights Impact of MNC’s Activities by Promoting Socially Responsible Financing and Investment
14:50 – 15:05 Paul Dowling (Leigh Day) - Limited Liability and Separate Corporate Personality in Multinational Corporate Groups: Conceptual Flaws, Accountability Gaps, and the Case for a Profit-Risk Liability Regime for Dangerous Activities
15:05 – 15:20 Franziska Wohltmann (University of Erlangen-Nürnberg) - Establishing a Lead Firms’ Liability for Human Rights Violations in its Supply Chain: Guidance from Tort Law

15:20 – 16:00 Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee
### Saturday, May 20, 2017 – Academiegebouw (Domplein 29)

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**Moderators**
Ivo Giesen & Liesbeth Enneking

**Participants**
Jan van Wijngaarden (Social Economic Council Netherlands)
Jan Eijsbouts (Maastricht University, World Legal Forum Foundation)
Michelle Jonker-Argueta (Greenpeace)
Jennifer Zerk (Jennifer Zerk Consulting)
Larry Backer (Pennsylvania State University)
Olivier de Schutter (Université Catholique de Louvain)
Martina Gasser (Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs)

### Thursday, May 18, 2017 – Toon Peterszaal (Achter Sint Pieter 200)

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