

# The UN Guiding Principles and the Future of Business and Human Rights Regulation

Joint International Research Workshop by the "Forum for the Study of the Global Condition", the Research Cluster "Society and Culture in Motion" and the Department of Political Science and Japanese Studies at the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, 13 February 2020, 9 AM–6 PM, "Anhalter Zimmer", Universitätsring 5, Halle/Saale

## WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

**9.00–9.30am: Registration, Welcome and Introduction** (with tea and coffee)

### **Panel A: "Theorizing the UN Guiding Principles: On the Theory and Ethics of Human Rights and Business" (9.30am–11am)**

*Chair and discussant: Dr. René Wolfsteller, MLU Halle-Wittenberg*

1. Paper: "Rawls, the UN Guiding Principles and the Self-Constitutionalization of Business Corporations", Dr. Yingru Li and Prof. John McKernan, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow
2. Paper: "Violation of Human Rights in Global Business: Can Business Ethics Prevent This from Happening?", Prof. Elke Mack, Universität Erfurt
3. Paper: "Human Rights, Smart Regulation and the Politics of Knowledge Production", Dr. Christian Scheper, Institute for Development and Peace, Universität Duisburg-Essen

### **Panel B: "Assessing Regulatory Practice: National Action Plans, Corporate Social Responsibility, and the Role of National Human Rights Institutions" (11.30am–1pm)**

*Chair and discussant: Prof. John McKernan, ASBS, University of Glasgow*

1. Paper: "National Action Plans on Business and Human Rights as Accountability and Governance Tools: Theory and Practice", Dr. Claire Methven O'Brien (Danish Institute for Human Rights), Prof. John Ferguson and Marisa McVey (University of St. Andrews)
2. Paper: "British Firms' Engagement with Human Rights and the UN Guiding Principles: Moving Beyond Rhetoric?", Dr. Alwise Favotto and Dr. Kelly Kollman, University of Glasgow
3. Paper: "From Creative Self-Empowerment to Robust International Legitimacy: Enhancing the Role of National Human Rights Institutions in Business and Human Rights Regulation", Dr. René Wolfsteller, MLU Halle-Wittenberg

### **Panel C: "The UN Guiding Principles and the Challenges for Human Rights Law" (2pm–3.30pm)**

*Chair and discussant: Dr. Andrej Lang, MLU Halle-Wittenberg*

1. Paper: "Home State Regulation of Transnational Corporations to Protect Human Rights", Prof. Markus Krajewski, CHREN/Friedrich Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
2. Paper "The UN Guiding Principles and Access to Remedy", Dr. Başak Bağlayan, Université du Luxembourg
3. Paper: "The UNGPs in the Extractive Industries and in Agro-Commodity Chains: Between Local and Global Advances and Challenges", Dr. Almut Schilling-Vacaflor, Universität Osnabrück

### **Panel D: "The Negotiations of the binding UN Treaty and the Prospects of Business and Human Rights Regulation" (4pm– 5.30pm)**

*Chair and discussant: Dr. Claire Methven O'Brien, DIHR*

1. Paper: "Conceptualizing Corporate Accountability in International Law: Models for a Business and Human Rights Treaty", by Prof. Nadia Bernaz, Wageningen University
2. Paper: "Contestations and Authorities in the UN Treaty Process", PD Dr. Janne Mende, Technische Universität Darmstadt/Justus Liebig Universität Giessen

**As places are very limited, guests are kindly asked to register in advance by emailing to: [rene.wolfsteller@politik.uni-halle.de](mailto:rene.wolfsteller@politik.uni-halle.de)**

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