International Law for the Sustainable Development Goals -
Workshop and Conference Series 2017-2018

Workshop 3: International Law and Accountable, Transparent Institutions

The Department of International Law of the University of Groningen cordially invites you to attend our third International Law for the Sustainable Development Goals Workshop.

19th January 2018, 12.00-18.00
Harmonie Building, University of Groningen, Marie Lokezaal
Participation: Registration is appreciated (free) and open to students.

Programme

12.00-12.45 Walk-in Lunch

12.45-13.30 Opening Session

Welcome: Professor Marcel Brus, Chair of the Department of International Law, University of Groningen

Keynote speech: The Role of International Law in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
Professor Nico Schrijver, Professor of Public International Law, Leiden University; State Councillor, Council of State, the Netherlands; President, Institut de droit international /International Law Institute, Geneva

13.30-14.45 Session 1: International law and accountable, transparent institutions at all levels

Chair: Yi Zhang, PhD Candidate, Department of International Law, University of Groningen

Speakers:
Securing the Future in Challenging Times: The Imperative for Transparency and Accountability in WTO Dispute Settlement
Professor Emily Reid
Professor of International Economic Law and Sustainable Development, University of Southampton (UK)

Inclusivity and Transparency of Decision Making in Environmental Matters: Suggestions from the Recent European Case Law on GMO
Dr Giada Ragone
Post-doctoral fellow in Constitutional Law, Department of Italian and Supranational Public Law, University of Milan (Italy)
The Accountability Gap in the United Nations: Between Responsibility and Immunities
Dr André de Hoogh
Associate Professor, Department of International Law, University of Groningen

A Rough Trade - Introducing Transparency and Accountability in the Minerals Supply Chain
Dr Daniëlla Dam de Jong
Assistant Professor, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies; Department of Public International Law, Leiden University

14.45-15.15 – Coffee break

15.15-17.00: Session 2: International human rights law and SDG 16
Chair: Marlies Hesselman, Lecturer in International Law, Department of International Law, University of Groningen

Speakers:
The Role of National Human Rights Institutions in Goal 16 Implementation
Professor Lorenza Violini
Department of Italian and Supranational Public Law, University of Milan (Italy)

Challenges and Prospects of National Institutions Representing the Interests of Future Generations in Promoting Sustainable Development
Katalin Sulyok
Head of Department, Office of the Ombudsman for Future Generations in Hungary; Assistant Professor in International Law, ELTE Law School (Budapest)

The Transparency and Accountability of Business Corporations and NCPs under the OECD’s Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
Dr Antenor Hallo de Wolf
Assistant Professor, Department of International Law, University of Groningen

Institutional Accountability and Transparency for Sustainability: Analysis of Obligations of Institutions vis-à-vis Non-State Actors under International Law
Sardar Arif
PhD Candidate, Visiting researcher at the Department of International Law, University of Groningen

Closing remarks: Professor Brigit Toebes, Department of International Law, University of Groningen

17.00-18.00 Drinks

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