

Workshop CSR

Ius Commune Conference 2011

Friday, 25 November (14.30 - 16.30)

Location: Achter Sint Pieter 200

Room: 1st floor

Participants

Theme: CSR Rable

Chair: Tineke Lambooy (UU)

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is a developing field in law. CSR touches various expertise area's of law, such as corporate governance, tort, contracts, international public law, human rights law, environmental law, labour law, insurance, investment law, financial law, and criminal law.

A central theme in CSR is human rights and business. In 2008, UN Special Representative for Human Rights and Business, Prof. John Ruggie, presented a governance framework: Protect, Respect, Remedy, which gave pointers as to who should take up which responsibility for the realisation of human rights. Preventing and remedying environmental damage is one aspect thereof. In 2011, Ruggie presented a set of Guiding Principles that can assist states and companies in implementing the framework.

This CSR Table will host presentations of research projects and papers discussing subjects pertinent to the Ruggie Framework and implementation thereof in daily business operations of multinational companies and supply chains as well as by SMEs. Also, the public perspective will be discussed: What can states do to comply with the Ruggie Framework, e.g. by amending the rules applicable in investment law?

The presentations will be given by post-docs, PhD students and 'Pre-PhD students.

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Programme

All presentations will be limited to 7 (!) minutes each. If speakers wish to use a PPT, please submit this before Thursday 24 November 2011 to t.e.lambooy@uu.nl and mary.varner@gmail.com.

All participants to this CSR Table will receive on Wednesday by email a Pdf programme for this workshop including the resume's of the presenters, abstracts of the presentations, and the publications by some of the presenters who wished to share those.

The Ruggie Framework

14.30 Welcome by Tineke Lambooy

(1) State responsibility 14.35-15.20

Yulia Levashova (PhD Utrecht-Nyenrode University)

Bilateral Investment Treaties and CSR

Jure Zrilic (LL.M. UU, Pre-PhD)

New Window of Opportunities for Fostering Sustainable Development through International Investment Regime

Eva Leora van der Zee (UU/ Amsterdam, Pre-PhD)

The Role of the State as Owner of Sovereign Wealth Fund

Eliza Malathouni (PhD Maastricht)

Striking a Balance between Free Flow of Investments and Societal Values such as National Security, Public Order and Responsible Investment

Discussion

(2) Corporate responsibility 15.20-15.50

Dr. Mieke Olaerts (Maastricht)

Sustainable Development and the need for sustainable oriented corporate law and regulation (TBC)

Louise Vytopil (PhD Utrecht)

Incorporation of CSR norms in contracts

Joris van der Kolk and Prof. Wilco Oostwouder (Loyens & LOeff and UU):

CSR as part of the M&A practice

Discussion

(3) Remedies 15-50-16.30

Dr. Tineke Lambooy (Utrecht), **Mary Varner** (LL.M. UU; Stand UP For Your Rights),

Aikaterini Argirou (LL.M. UU, Pre-PhD)

The duty to facilitate remedies - three case studies (BP-Gulf; Shell- Nigeria; Chevron- Ecuador)

Dr. Marie-Jose van der Heijden (Utrecht)

Collective action - possibilities and dilemma's

Liesbeth Enneking (PhD Utrecht)

ATCA - newest US Supreme Court developments in Shell case

Discussion