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

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. Alvise Favotto and Dr. Kelly Kollman, University of Glasgow

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

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

As places are very limited, guests are kindly asked to register in advance by emailing to:
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