



Finance and Human Rights Crisis of Accountability and Legitimacy

Call for Papers

(Deadline for abstracts: 28th February 2017)

Joint Seminar of the ESIL Interest Group on Business and Human Rights
and the Transnational Law Institute King's College
Friday, 21st April 2017, Strand Campus, King's College London

The economic turmoil of the past years has drawn attention to the role of financial institutions play vis-à-vis human rights. This seminar seeks to go beyond the ubiquitous tripartite “protect, respect, remedy” business & human rights frame; special emphasis will be placed on the generation of accountability and legitimacy within private law-making processes in financial markets. We will discuss the processes and actors of developing self-regulatory norms .

This workshop provides a platform for experienced and early-stage academics as well as PhD and research students to share, discuss, and develop their work on critical issues. The objective is to optimise research impact of our participants by engaging the different communities of practice in law, political science, management studies, or accounting in this interdisciplinary field of business and human rights.

The seminar will address four aspects of financial markets and human rights: 1) What are the new forms of legitimacy and accountability? 2) How does self-regulation contribute to the protection and respect of human rights? 3) What is the role of investors and intermediaries? 4) How do methodologies and theories from different disciplines contribute body of knowledge about business and human rights?

The result of the seminar will be three-fold: 1) relating the forward-thinking academic work to the on-going policy dialogue, 2) preparing a special issue on “finance and human rights” in a relevant journal and 3) enhancing the dialogue between the different academic disciplines through creating an inventory of the different theories and methodologies with a view to the specific research, teaching and publication environments.

Programme

I. Keynotes

Bridging Communities of Practice and Research in Business and Human Rights

Prof Karin Buhmann (Copenhagen Business School)

Legitimacy and Accountability in Transnational Contexts

Prof Peer Zumbansen (Director of the TLI, King's College)

II. Panels

1. New Forms of Legitimacy and Accountability

2. Self-Regulation of Financial Markets

3. Role of Investors and Intermediaries

III. Closing Session on Interdisciplinary Research

Submissions of Abstracts/ Papers

We welcome submissions of abstracts from diverse disciplines, including finance, accounting, business, sociology, anthropology, political science, and law.

Please send all submissions (in word or PDF format, not exceeding 800 words), including a CV and via e-mail to laura.knopfel@kcl.ac.uk.

Timeline

Abstracts: **28th Feb 2017**

Successful applicants informed by: **6th Mar 2017**

Draft papers: **14th Apr 2017**

Final papers (TLI or ESIL SSRN series): **1st Sep 2017**