



Workshop:

The Responsibility of Home States, the European Union, and International Organizations
in the area of Business and Human Rights and Testimonies from Communities and
Individuals Impacted by Business Activities

Aarhus University, Denmark, 2-3 October 2017

Call for Papers

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INTRALaw (International and Transnational Tendencies in Law) at Aarhus University, Denmark, is hosting a two-day workshop on business and human rights, **2-3 October 2017**. The event will convene experts from around the world to discuss the U.N. Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and its focus on communities' access to remedies for corporate related human rights abuses. On the first day, victims and their representatives will present their testimonies. On the second day, participants will discuss the legal obligations of home states and international organizations (including the EU), as well as ways in which home states currently do or can regulate corporate conduct. **This call for paper concerns the second day of workshop (3 October)**. The call for paper for the first day can be accessed at: <http://law.au.dk/en/research/forskergrupper/international-and-transnational-tendencies-in-law-intralaw/>

Workshop Format

On the first day, papers discussing the experience of victims of corporate human rights abuse will be presented. On the second day, the response of the current international legal system will be considered. The hope is that this format and the selection of the papers will allow for a conversation about which needs of victims are not currently being met by the international legal system and what changes are necessary to ensure human rights are respected, protected, and fulfilled.

The second day will examine the extent to which human rights obligations to regulate and remediate impacts by businesses already attach to home states, the European Union, and International Organizations. Contributions for the second day will address aspects of four main issues:

- (i) what substantive expectations currently exist in international human rights law for States, the EU, and International Organizations concerning the protection of human rights from corporate-related abuses;
- (ii) how obligations under other branches of international law (e.g. investment law, trade law, etc.) might weaken or strengthen the States' and IOs' capacity to prevent, stop and redress corporate-human rights abuses;
- (iii) what opportunities or options exist for the regulation of corporate conduct; and
- (iv) do the current responses suggest a need for the direct international legal responsibility of corporations.

Keynote Speakers

Michael Addo and Surya Deva, both members of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, will deliver keynote speeches.

Outcome of the Workshop

Strong papers will be considered for publication in either a special issue or an edited volume.

Travel Grants

We have a small budget for travel grants. If your participation is contingent on securing a travel grant, please indicate that when submitting your abstract and indicate how much you would need. The need for a travel grant will not be a factor in considering which publications are accepted, but we cannot (yet) guarantee travel grants to everyone accepted who needs one.

Participation in the Workshop

CV and abstracts of no more than 500 words should be sent in Word or PDF, by **20 June 2017** to: Anil Yilmaz-Vastardis, ayilma@essex.ac.uk and Charline Daelman, charline.daelman@law.kuleuven.be

Advanced first drafts of all papers are due 2 weeks before the workshop, by **17 September 2017**.