



WORKSHOP ON A TREATY ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID UNIVERSITY,

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Venue: Room G-III, Faculty of Law

PROGRAMME

9:00 Welcome and opening remarks

Jernej Letnar Čerňič and Nicolás Carrillo-Santarelli

9:30-10:30 Possibility of a treaty on business and human rights

Chair and discussant: Carlos Espósito-Massicci

Chiara Mhiacci, Pisa: "Beyond the Guiding Principles: problems and prospects of a treaty on business and human rights."

Tara van Ho, Aarhus: "A Modest (and Traditionalist) Approach to a Treaty."

Surya Deva, City University of Hong Kong: "Business and Human Rights: Is there any value in strolling on the treaty road?"

10:45-11:00 Recess

11:00-12:00 Critical analyses of a treaty on business and human rights

Chair and discussant: Jernej Letnar Čerňič

Antony Crockett: "6 reasons why a treaty on business and human rights is a bad idea"

Larry Catá Backer, Penn State: "Considering a Treaty on Corporations and Human Rights: Mostly Failures But With a Glimmer of Success."

Ana María Suárez-Franco: "Voluntary vs. Binding: civil society's claim for a binding treaty on Human Rights, TNCs and other Business."

12:00-12:10 Recess



12:15-13:15 Regional and local experiences and demands

Chair and discussant: Nicolás Carrillo-Santarelli

Humberto Cantu Riviera, Paris: "The Position of Developing Countries in the Business & Human Rights Treaty Process: The Case of Latin-American States."

Adriana Espinoza, Madrid: "HRIA and the strength of grassroots. Lessons for a draft treaty from European and Inter-American case law on environmental rights".

Sara Seck, University of Western Ontario: "Lessons for the Treaty Process: Home State Practice and the Environment."

13:15-13:30 Book launch: Jernej Letnar Čerňič, Tara Van Ho (eds): Direct Corporate Accountability for Human Rights (Wolf Legal Publishers, 2015)

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:30 Inspiration and elements from different branches of international law and the position of States

Chair and discussant: Tara Van Ho

Nadia Bernaz, London: "Including Corporate Criminal Liability for International Crimes in the future Business and Human Rights Treaty".

Ago Shinichi, Kyoto: "Whether to adopt a convention or a recommendation - experience of international labour legislation."

Luis Espinosa Salas, Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva

15:30 Conclusions and publication (Jernej Letnar Čerňič and Nicolás Carrillo-Santarelli)