

**Global Corporations and International Law  
PhD/Early Career Researcher Workshop**

Laureate Program in Global Corporations and International Law,  
Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law

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**Workshop Venue**

Room 038

Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law  
Im Neuenheimer Feld 535, 69120 Heidelberg, Germany



Image: Along the waterfront of Dar-es-Salaam, chief port of German East Africa. Source: Library of Congress.

**Thursday**

**9.00-9.30 am**

**Welcome and Introduction**  
**Sundhya Pahuja, Anne Peters and Alexandra Kemmerer**

**9:30-11:00 am**

**Panel A: Corporations, Commodities and the Legacies of Empire**

**Chair: Sundhya Pahuja**  
**Commentator: Dan Danielsen**

**The Legacies of the East India Company: Rule of law's stories, 1858-1950**

**Verena Steller**  
Frankfurt University

**(Shell) Oil and trouble: Seeking accountability for environmental pollution in Nigeria**

**Stephen Bilko and Lauren Chaplin**  
Leigh Day

**Codelco: Copper constitutionalism and the NIEO in Latin America**

**Michael Riegner Oliveira and Carla Cabanillas Linares**  
University of Erfurt

**11:00-11:30 am – Tea Break**

11:30 am-1:00 pm

**Roundtable A: Materiality and influence**

**Chair: Andrea Leiter**

**Commentator: Andrew Sanger**

**Heidelberg Materials – “Materials to build our future”: On international economic law, human rights, and class**

**Silvia Steininger**

Hertie School & Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law

**John D. Rockefeller Jr: Philanthropic endeavours and the localisation of the international**

**Daniel Ricardo Quiroga-Villamarín**

Graduate Institute of International Law and Development Studies

**Multinational enterprise and international taxation**

**Hedvig Lärka**

Gothenburg University

**Standard oil of New Jersey: Open registries and the making of post-WWII bulk shipping**

**Negar Mansouri**

Graduate Institute of International Law and Development Studies

**(The Aviation Working Group) – Private actors in treaty interpretation: Skin in the game**

**Kaiqiang Zhang**

International Law Commission & New York University

1:00-2:00 pm – Lunch Break

2:00-3:30 pm

**Roundtable B: Technologies and networks**

**Chair: Andreas Kulick**

**Commentator: Andrea Leiter**

**(Propy): Blockchain networks, and the possible evolution of international law**

**Pierangelo Blandino**

University of Lapland

**[Meta] Some progress, no panacea? The role of Meta Oversight Board in putting a human-rights based approach to content moderation into practice**

**Jasmin Wachau**

University of Erfurt

**Kaspersky Innovation Hub: Quest for developing blockchain as a tool for fostering rule of law values**

**Akanksha Bisoyi**

TUM School of Social Science and Technology, Munich

**Twitter: The Janus-faced ruler of a public space**

**Erik Tuchtfeld**

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3.30-4:00 pm – Tea Break

4:00-5:30 pm

**Roundtable C: Resources and territories**

**Chair: Dan Danielsen**

**Commentator: Isabel Feichtner**

**Global Sea Mineral Resources: An example of mineral exploration in the maritime space beyond national jurisdiction**

**Tháíssa Meira**

University of Basel

**“Rio Tinto”: Reconsidering organizational liability for ecocide**

**Raphael Oidtmann**

Mannheim Law School

**Lafarge: A concrete example of limits of corporate criminal responsibility**

**Anastasiya Kotova**

Lund University

**Anheuser-Busch InBev – Enforcing human rights due diligence obligations in global value chains: The challenge of extraterritoriality**

**Estelle Valentine Irambona**

KU Leuven

**Eternit: The asbestos disaster, “eco-efficiency”, and the unfulfilled promises of international (environmental) law**

**Zhonghua Du**

University of Amsterdam

6:30 for 7pm

Dinner at Cocktail-Café Regie

Theaterstrasse 2, Heidelberg

**Friday**

9:30-11:00 am

**Panel B: Corporate personality, corporate narratives, corporate forms**

**Chair: Isabel Feichtner**

**Commentators: Ingo Venzke and Marc-Philippe Weller**

**Tracing the pastoral power of the Siemens Corporation**

**Dorothea Endres**

Graduate Institute of International Law and Development Studies

**Netflix et al: Green washing and spinning of international climate change obligations**

**John Saidi Nyanje**

University of Bayreuth & Leibniz University

**Meta Inc. / Overnight Board LLC: Moving from ‘container notions’ to ‘contact zones’**

**Anna Sophia Tiedeke**

Humboldt University of Berlin

11:00-11:30 am – Tea Break

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Roundtable D: Governance and forms

Chair: Jannika Jahn

Commentator: Andreas Kulick

**Joint venture agreements between Indonesia and China: Legal policy analysis for the Indonesian high-speed rail**

**Hidayatulloh**

University of Miskolc

**PMC Wagner and the legal status of its combatants**

**Themistoklis Tzimas**

University of Thrace

**Siemens et al. – Analysing the legal implications of United Nations-business partnerships: A case study of the African Girls Can Code Initiative**

**Laura Kreft**

Ruhr University Bochum

**Patagonia: The story of company transformation and corporate governance revolution**

**Ahmad Ali Shariati**

University of Sussex

12:30-1:30 pm

**Closing Summary**

**Sundhya Pahuja, Anne Peters, Alexandra Kemmerer, Dan Danielsen**

1:30–2:30 pm – Lunch

Chair: Alexandra Kemmerer

**Lunch Conversation: Past Futures of an Institution: A Short Introduction to #MPIL100**

**Phillipp Glahé**

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