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GLOTHRO WORKSHOP ON THE DIRECT HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS OF CORPORATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Call for papers

WORKSHOP ON THE DIRECT HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS OF CORPORATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW (17-19 January 2013, Bled)

Topic

Corporations play an important role in the realisation of the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of their employees and of the society as a whole. For example, they are responsible for guaranteeing adequate labour conditions to their employees, and they may be involved in the provision of basic services to communities. They can become violators of human rights, for example where their activities lead to denial of access to water, food, housing, health and education or where their activities infringe upon right to life, right to privacy or freedom of expression. This workshop will try to answer, among others, these fundamental questions: Do corporations have direct obligations in international human rights law? Are corporations obliged to comply with international human rights norms when doing business extraterritorially? How can link between direct state and corporate human rights obligations under international human rights law be generally established? Should states and corporations be responsible for financially supporting criminal regimes? What is the role of international human rights law in the context of business and human rights?

Venue and format

The three day workshop will be held at the **Graduate School of Government and European Studies** in the beautiful surroundings of lake **Bled (Slovenia) between 17-19 January 2013**.

This event aims to bring together senior and junior experts on business and human rights. By bringing together academic and practical experience, the workshop will make an important contribution to advancing the academic debate on the direct human rights obligations of corporations in international law. On the first day senior experts will introduce the topic. On the second participants will present their research through paper presentations. Presentations will be grouped thematically and panels will allow for discussion following each paper. Building on the deliberations of the first day and the second day, the third day of the workshop will be dedicated to a debate amongst academics and practitioners of the most important research that is needed in order to answer the question whether corporations have



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direct international legal obligations in international human rights law.

All participants will be asked to prepare a short discussion paper (1000-2000 words). The selected papers will be thereafter published in an edited volume.

Financial support

Travel expenses, accommodation and meals will be covered by GLOTHRO (<http://www.glothro.org>) for selected participants coming from ESF member countries. The GLOTHRO RNP member countries are : Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Italy (EUI), The Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia and Sweden (<http://www.esf.org/about-esf/what-is-the-european-science-foundation/72-member-organisations.html>).

Submissions

The Graduate School of Government and European Studies invites researchers undertaking research on business and human rights to submit abstracts for consideration. Interested applicants should send a 200 word abstract and a CV in narrative form by the **30 October 2012** to jernej.letnar@fds.si. Authors will be notified of acceptance by **10 November 2012**. If you have any questions, please email jernej.letnar@fds.si.

