NON-STATE ACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES:
EMPIRICAL FINDINGS AND THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Vancouver 26-28 June 2013

Joint International Conference of Kwantlen Institute for Transborder Studies (ITS) and Political Science Department, the Non-State Actor Committee of the International Law Association, International Law Association – Canada, the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, and the Flemish Fund for Scientific Research Belgium

Program as of March 2013

Day 1 – Wednesday 26 June 2013

19:30 Welcome reception

General Program Overview: June 27 & 28, 2013

Session I – State versus Non-State Actors responsibility
Session II – Responsibility of the Corporate NSA in International Law
Session III – Rebel and Armed Groups: Specific Issues of Responsibility
Session IV – Conceptualising the Responsibility of the NSA in International Law
Session V – Practical issues: Enforcement and Reparations
Session VI – More Issues on the Drawing Table: NSA vs. State “Muscle Flexing”
Conference concluding remarks
NSA Committee closed business meeting

Day 2 – Thursday 27 June 2013 - Conference

8:15 – 8:45 Welcome address

MATH NOORTMANN (Chair, ILA Committee)
NOEMI GAL-OR (Vice-President, ILA-Canada)
CEDRIC RYNGAERT (Rapporteur, ILA Committee)
DIANE PURVEY (Dean of Arts, Kwantlen)

8:45 – 9:00 Tea and coffee break
9:00 – 10:15  Session I – State versus Non-State Actors

Presenters:

CEDRIC RYNGAERT - Chair

Presenters:

LUDMILA N. GALENSKAYA (Saint-Petersburg State University, Russia) - Responsibility of the International Non-governmental Organizations

ROBIN F. HANSEN (University of Saskatchewan, Canada) - Defining the Multinational Enterprise in International Law: A Review of State Initiatives

FRANCIS ABIEW & NOEMI GAL-OR (Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Canada) - International Responsibility of the NSA in International Law: Is There a Case for a Multi-cultural Approach?

10:15 – 10:30  Tea and coffee break

10:30 – 12:00  Session II - Responsibility of the Corporate NSA in International Law

MATH NOORTMANN - Chair

MANUEL DE ALMEIDA Ribeiro (Universidade Tecnica de Lisboa, Portugal) - Responsibility of Private Entities in International Environmental Law

JOANNA KYRIAKAKIS (Monash University, Melbourne, Australia) - Multinational Corporations, Legal Personality and International Crimes

CARLO GOLDA & STEFANO LUPO (University of Genoa, Italy) - Multinational Oil Corporations and Sea Pollution: International Environmental Law Responsibility for Non-State Actors and the Role of Marpol Convention

SARA SECK & ANNA DOLIDZE (Western University, Canada) - ITLOS Case No. 17 and the Evolving Principles for Corporate Responsibility under International Law: Lessons Learned from Canada and Global Mining

12:00 – 13:30  Lunch & Keynote speaker:

RICHARD (RICK) LANE, B.A., D. Jur., M.B.A., ExxonMobil Canada (ret.), Transparency International Canada, and CBA Anti-Corruption Team
14:00 – 15:30  Session III – Rebel and Armed Groups: Specific Issues of Responsibility

NOEMI GAL-OR - Chair

Presenters:

ARISTOTELES CONSTANTINIDES (University of Cyprus, Republic of Cyprus) - Obligations of Armed Opposition Groups under Peace Agreements

VERONIKA BÍLKOVÁ (Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic) - Establishing Direct Responsibility of Armed Opposition Groups for Violations of International Humanitarian Law?

ANNYSSA BELLAL (HEID, Geneva & ICHI-NUIG, Galway, Ireland) - Responsibility of Non-state Armed Groups Arising out of Control of Territory under International Human Rights Law

STEN VERHOEVEN (University of Macau, China) - Lessons from State Responsibility for Actions of Armed Opposition Groups

15:30 – 15:45 Tea and coffee break

15:45 – 17:15   Session IV - Conceptualising the Responsibility of the NSA in International Law

VERONIKA BÍLKOVÁ - Chair

Presenters:

ARNE VANDENBOGAERDE (University of Antwerp, Belgium) - The Desirability of Direct Human Rights Obligations for Non-State Actors

SANDY LAMALLE (University of Montreal, Canada) - Taking the International Responsibility of Non-State Actors Seriously: Proposed Practical Steps to Address Their Specificities

WOUTER VANDENHOLE (University of Antwerp, Belgium) - The Relevance of Concepts of Differentiated Responsibility, Influence, and Complicity for Apportioning Responsibility to and Among NSA

MATH NOORTMANN (Brookes University, Oxford, United Kingdom) - TBA

19:30 Dinner: TBA
Day 3 – Friday 28 June 2013

8:30 – 9:45  Session V – Practical issues: Enforcement and Reparations

MANUEL DE ALMEIDA RIBEIRO - Chair

Presenters:

PAULINE COLLINS (University of Southern Queensland, Australia) - The Impact of Non-State Actors on Enforcement of International Legal Obligations at a Practical Level

LUKE MOFFETT (Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland) - Beyond Attribution: Responsibility of Non-State Actors for Reparations in Northern Ireland

FRANCESCA CAPONE (BI ICL, United Kingdom) - Is Anybody Playing? Non-State Actors’ ‘Obligation’ to Redress HR and IHL Violations against Children

9:45 – 10:00 Tea and coffee break

10:00 – 11:30  Session VI – More Issues on the Drawing Table: NSA vs. State “Muscle Flexing”

ARISTOTELES CONSTANTINIDES - Chair

Presenters:

ANNE VAN AAKEN (St. Gallen University, Switzerland) - The Use and Misuse of Non-State Actors in Effectuating Public International Law

DAI TAMADA (Kobe University, Japan) - Investors’ Responsibility towards Host States? Counter-Claims in Investor-State Arbitration

BARBARA WOODWARD (BIICL, United Kingdom) – Obligations, Monitoring & Compliance

11:30 – 11:45  Conference concluding remarks

BARBARA WOODWARD - Chair

Noemi Gal-Or, Math Noortmann, Cedric Ryngaert
11:45 – 13:00  Farewell Lunch & Keynote speaker:


13:15 – 16:30  NSA Committee closed business meeting
13:15 – 15:00  Drafting session
15:00 – 15:15  Tea and coffee break
15:15 – 16:15  Drafting session

19:00  No host dinner

General Information

Conference site: Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Richmond Campus, 8771 Lansdowne Road, Richmond, BC, Canada, http://www.kwantlen.ca/about/maps.html
http://maps.google.com/maps?q=8771+Lansdowne+Rd,+Richmond+BC&spn=0.015259,0.020526&hl=en

Transportation: From Vancouver airport to the Four Points by Sheraton Vancouver Airport you may use the hotel’s free shuttle service toll-free #1-888-281-8888 (http://www.fourpointsvancouverairport.com/vancouver-airport-shuttle). For public transportation in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (including Richmond and Vancouver airport) please see, TransLink information @ http://www.translink.ca/.

Accommodation: Rooms have been reserved at Four Points by Sheraton Vancouver Airport, 8368 Alexandra Road Richmond, British Columbia V6X 4A6 Canada, (not at the airport; kitty corner from the Richmond campus), phone: (604) 214-0888, fax: (604) 214-0887. Guests can access the site to learn more about the event and to book, modify, or cancel a reservation from March 25, 2013 to June 30, 2013.

Attendee: Kwantlen Polytechnic Univ. (OR copy and paste the following link into a web browser) https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1303259457&key=EF0D

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Registration:

Early Registration: April 1, 2013 - May 15, 2013
- Conference paper presenters who are not NSAC members: $140
- NSAC members not presenting papers: $140
- KPU faculty & staff: $140
- ILA & CBA members: $225
- Students: $25
- Seniors: $75
- Other: $140

Conference dinner (optional), April 1, 2013 - May 15, 2013:
- $60 for conference dinner (incl. one drink)

Late Registration: May 16, 2013 - June 15, 2013
- Conference paper presenters who are not NSAC members: $180
- NSAC members not presenting papers: $160
- KPU faculty & staff: $160
- ILA & CBA members: $265
- Students: $55
- Seniors: $95
- Other: $315

Conference dinner (optional), May 16, 2013 - June 15, 2013:
- $90 for conference dinner (incl. one drink)

On-Site Registration: @ Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Richmond Campus, Melville Centre for Dialogue: June 26, 2013, 7:00-8:00 p.m., and June 27 & 28, 2013, 8:00-9:00 a.m., 2013
- Conference paper presenters who are not NSAC members: $190
- NSAC members not presenting papers: $170
- KPU faculty & staff: $170
- ILA & CBA members: $275
- Students: $60
- Seniors: $100
- Other: $325

Conference dinner (optional): Depends on availability
- $110 for conference dinner (incl. one drink)

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