

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:

GEOFFREY HARRIS, Deputy Head, European Parliament's Liaison Office with the U.S. Congress, Washington D.C., former Head of the Human Rights Unit, Secretariat General of the European Parliament (Directorate General for external policies DGEXPO).

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>).

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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:	\$275

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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