



[Conference] Public interests without borders: investigating the EU's transnational ambitions

4-5 MARCH, T.M.C. ASSER INSTITUUT, THE HAGUE

DAY 1 – MARCH 4

13:15– 13:30 **Opening**

- Antoine Duval and Christophe Paulussen (Asser Institute)

13:30 – 15:00 **Panel 1 - Exporting Human rights and sustainability: Rethinking EU trade policy** – Chaired by Narin Idriz (Asser Institute)

- Peter Van Elsuwege (Ghent University) - The role of human rights clauses in EU trade agreements: a critical perspective
- Saide Esra Akdogan (Wageningen University) - Trade and Sustainable Development Chapters in the EU's Multidimensional Toolbox to Export Sustainability: Paper Tiger or Real Teeth?
- Geraldo Vidigal (University of Amsterdam) - Adding Sustainability to Investment Law: Can It Be Done and What Would It Even Mean?

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30 – 17:00 **Panel 2 - Harnessing private corporations as transnational governors of public interests: The EU's due diligence turn in value chain governance** – Chaired by Antoine Duval (Asser Institute)

- Kunhao Yang (European University Institute) - From Brussels to Beijing: The Long Arm of the European Due Diligence Law over China
- Lena Parzsch (Freie Universität Berlin) and Michael Mason (London School of Economics) - EU and UK legislation on deforestation-free supply chains: Potential and barriers to effectiveness
- Rebecca Ravelli (Maastricht University)

17:00 – 17:15 **Presentation of the book EU External Relations Law and Sustainability (Global Europe Book Series, Springer/TMC Asser Press, 2024) by Saide Esra Akdogan (Wageningen University)**

18:00 **Conference Diner**

DAY 2 – MARCH 5

09:00 – 10:30 **Panel 3- Policing human rights violations worldwide through EU sanctions** - Chaired by Eva Kassoti (Asser Institute)

- Clara Portela (University of Valencia)
- Alexandra Hofer (Utrecht University)



- Nathanael Tilahun (University of Essex)

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:30 *Panel 4 – A new form of colonialism? Interrogating the legitimacy of the EU's transnational ambitions* - Chaired by Stephanie Triefus (Asser Institute)

- Caroline Omari Lichuma (University of Luxembourg)
- Aravind Ganesh (University of Sussex)
- Dalia Palombo (Tilburg University) - Protecting Corporate Property: Is Climate Change a Game Changer?

12:30 – 13:00 *Closing and next steps*

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*