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Conference on Business, Human Rights and Security

26-27 January 2017

Room B2, The Hemsley, University Park Campus,
University of Nottingham

Thursday, 26 January 2017 (Day 1)

11.00 for 11.30 **Arrival and tea/coffee**

11.30 – 13.00 **Welcome and Opening:**

Professor David Harris, Co-Director, Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC), School of Law, University of Nottingham

Professor Todd Landman, PVC Social Sciences, University of Nottingham (*tbc*)

Session I: Locating the authority of state and non-state actors in complex societal and business arrangements

Chair: Professor Dominic McGoldrick, Co-Director, HRLC, School of Law, University of Nottingham

- Professor Nigel White, Co-Director, Nottingham International Law & Security Centre (NILSC), School of Law, University of Nottingham: **'The responsibility matrix of business, human rights and security at the national and international level'**
- Dr Laurens Bakker, Universiteit van Amsterdam, **'The complexity of authority and rights in community and business land conflicts in Indonesia'**

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch break**

14.00 – 15.45 Session II: The roles and responsibilities of MNCs and other business enterprises operating in weak governance states

Chair: Professor Mary Footer, Co-Director, NILSC, School of Law, University of Nottingham

- Y Wasi Gede Puraka, Inkrispena, Jakarta and Vincent Kiezebrink, SOMO (Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations), Amsterdam: **'State and MNC responsibility for security-related human rights abuses in the Indonesian paper and pulp sector'**
- Dr Giedre Jokubauskaite, University of Durham and International Institute for Environment and Development, London: **'Land Rights and Accountability: Lessons from West Africa'**
- Andrea Shemberg, or Andrea Saldarriaga, Laboratory for Advanced Research on the Global Economy, Human Rights Centre, LSE: *Title to be confirmed*

Discussant: Dr Nicole Janz, University of Nottingham School of Politics and International Relations (*tbc*)

15.45 – 16.00 Afternoon tea and coffee

16.00 - 17.30 Session III: The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) and the state-business-security nexus

Chair: Dr Daria Davitti, School of Law, University of Nottingham

- Dr Radu Mares, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University: **'Corporate and state responsibility in the state-business-security nexus under the UNGPs'**
- Professor Gabor Rona, Visiting Professor of Law, Cardozo Law School, New York: **'The UN Working Group's approach to Private Security Companies and the UNGPs'**

Discussant: Dr Michael Addo, University of Exeter and UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

18.00-19.00 Key note conference address and NILSC Annual Lecture
(Room B63, Law and Social Sciences Building)

Professor Anita Ramasatry, University of Washington School of Law and UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights: **'Corporate and state complicity for human rights violations in conflict-affected and fragile states'**

19.30 Conference dinner (for speakers, discussants and chairpersons)
Bramleys Brasserie, Orchard Hotel, University Park

Thursday, 27 January 2017 (Day 2)

09.00 – 10.45 Session IV: Business, human rights and security nexus in the agricultural commodities sector

Chair: Professor Nigel White, University of Nottingham School of Law

- Y Wasi Gede Puraka, Inkrispena, Jakarta and Mark van Dorp, SOMO: **'Security and human rights in the Indonesian palm oil sector: the case of Asiatic Persada'**
- Professor Mary Footer, co-Director Nottingham International Law & Security Centre (NILSC) and University of Nottingham: **'Towards human rights due diligence in the global supply chain for palm oil'**

Discussants: Tom Griffiths or Tom Lomax, Forest People's Programme, UK; Michelle Kelsall, Nottingham and Human Rights Resource Centre, Jakarta

10.45 – 11.00 Morning tea and coffee

11.00 – 13.00 Session V: Access to remedy: a review of business, human rights & security complaints and grievance mechanisms

Chair: Professor Mary Footer, co-Director NILSC and University of Nottingham School of Law

- Anna-Marie Busatu, DECAF, Geneva: *Title to be confirmed*
- Dr Mirko Sossai, Roma Tre, Rome: **'A critical review of the codes of conduct for PSCs'**
- Jago Wadley or another, Environmental Investigation Agency International, London: **'Assessing the performance record of the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) Complaints Mechanism'**
- Petra Kjell or another, Bretton Woods Project, London: **'The International Finance Corporation (IFC) CAO Ombudsman Complaints Mechanism and its contribution to the resolution of community-based claims in the natural resource sector'** (*tbc*)

13.00 Lunch (The Helmsley)

Close of conference