

Sustainable Global Value Chains and Private and Private International Law

VENUE

EBS Law School | Room: Forum
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In the last decades the strive for sustainable global value chains has gained unseen momentum. While the wealth of legislation has been of regulatory nature the context with private and private international law awaits further scrutiny. This also holds true for providing access to remedy and justice as established under the United Nations Principles of Business and Human Rights. While geopolitical tension, economic slowdown and protective measures have changed globalized trade the need for a reliable legal framework remains firmly in place.

This international conference on sustainable global value chains will examine the contributions and shortcomings of private law and private international law within the area of business and human rights. Further more it aims to discuss interdependencies with regulatory acts in that field.

The participants are well established and emerging scholars who have in most parts also been committed to the Sustainable Global Value Chain Working Group of the Law Schools' Global League.

The venue is held in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Verónica Ruiz Abou-Nigm, Chair for Private International Law at the University of Edinburgh and the Law Schools' Global League.



Prof. Dr. Michael Nietsch
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Corporate Law



Prof. Dr. Verónica Ruiz Abou-Nigm
University of Edinburgh
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PROGRAM OCTOBER 17, 2025

9:00 a.m. **Welcome Address and Opening Remarks**
Michael Nietsch, EBS Law School

Keynote Address

9:15 a.m. **European Law for Global Value Chains – Human Rights Advancement or European Imperialism?**
Ralf Michaels, MPI für Internationales Privatrecht, Hamburg

First Session

Moderator: Verónica Ruiz Abou-Nigm

10:00 a.m. **Governance Gaps on Global Value Chains from the Perspective of Private International Law**
Ren Yatsunami, Kyushu University

10:45 a.m. **Coffee Break**

11:00 a.m. **Choice of Law in Transnational Business and Human Rights Litigation**
Carlos Vázquez, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

11:45 a.m. **Tainted by Harm but Fit for Sale? Human Rights and the Concept of Non-Conformity under the CISG**
Felix Wilke, University of Bayreuth/
EBS Law School

12:30 p.m. **Access To Justice in CS3D-Related Claims**
Sara Sánchez, IE University

1:15 p.m. **Lunch Break**

Second Session

Moderator: Michael Nietsch

2:15 p.m. **The Interplay between Reporting Requirements and Group Liability for Supply Chain Misconduct – Transnational Business Corporations**
Irene-marie Esser, University of Glasgow
Christopher Riley, University of Durham

3:00 p.m. **Due Diligence and Responsible Contracting in the Agri-Food Supply Chain – Effective Tools for Supplier Empowerment?**
Simone Lamont-Black,
University of Edinburgh
Catherine Pedamon,
University of Westminster

3:45 p.m. **Coffee Break**

4:00 p.m. **Panel: The Future Perspectives of Sustainable Global Value Chains**
Host: Verónica Ruiz Abou-Nigm,
University of Edinburgh

Panelists:

Klaas Hendrik Eller, University of Amsterdam
Matthias Goldmann, EBS Law School
Nevena Jevremovic, Aberdeen University
Ekaterina, Pannebakker, Leiden University
Panji Winston, University of Pretoria

4:45 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Michael Nietsch, EBS Law School
Verónica Ruiz Abou-Nigm, University of Edinburgh