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SUSTAINABILITY AND GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS IN THE FACE OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS

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Presentation

Supply chains are responsible for 80% of greenhouse gas emissions and 90% of the pollution of natural resources, within the world consumption sector. Along with this environmental damage, supply chains also suffer from high risks of human rights violations, such as slavery, loss of life or physical integrity due to precarious working conditions, or child labour. Such hazards had little visibility in the past, due to the limited scope of disclosure obligations. The expansion of reporting obligations to encompass the whole value chain is likely to expose practices, stir controversy, and increase the risk of litigation, by both third parties and corporate plaintiffs.

The complex structures of supply chain in international trade face multiple legal challenges. The objective of this International Conference is to analyse each and every angle of the environmental and social sustainability obligations for companies operating in global supply chains, including the contract, litigation, corporate and financial perspectives, and conduct a critical debate about the implications of the new regulatory trends in Europe and globally on due diligence across the value chain, in light also of the experience of several industry sectors, particularly the financial sector.

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Presentation (9:15-9:30h)

Opening remarks

1. The Contractual Approach (9:30-11:00h)

Moderator:

Petra Butler, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Speakers:

Ingeborg Schwenzer, University of Basel, Switzerland

Katarzyna Kryla-Cudna, University of Bristol

Valle López Triana, Senior Legal Manager Energy Regulation, HSE & Antitrust, Repsol

Discussion (11:00-11:15h)

Coffee break (11:15-11:45h)

2. The Corporate Approach (11:45-13:15h)

Moderator:

Rafael Marimón Durá, University of Valencia

Speakers:

Beate Sjøfjell, University of Oslo

Mikel Arrieta, Head of Governance, Iberdrola

Souichirou Kozuka, Gakushuin University, Tokyo

Discussion (13:15-13:30h)

Talk: Global Chains: the interplay between Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation (13:30-14:15h)

Blanaid Clarke, Trinity College Dublin

Lunch (14:15-15:30h)

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3. Global Chains in the Financial Sector (15:30-17:00h)

Moderator:

David Ramos Muñoz, University Carlos III of Madrid

Speakers:

Edgar Loew, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management

Alexia Femia, European Banking Federation (EBF)

Seraina Grünewald, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Discussion (17:00-17:15h)

Coffee break (17:15-17:45h)

Talk: Global Chains, Financial Sector and Litigation (17:45-18:30h)

Javier Solana Álvarez, University of Glasgow

4. Supply Chains and Climate Justice (18:30-20:00h)

Moderator:

Pilar Perales Viscasillas, University Carlos III of Madrid

Speakers:

Joana Setzer, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science

José Luis Aragón Cardiel, Legal Counsel at Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague

Burkhard Hess, Director of Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law

Discussion (20:00-20:15h)

Closing remarks

