



****Conference programme****



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Hybrid: Campus Roeterseiland (Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, 1018 WV Amsterdam) & online (registration via sgel.uva.nl)

Thu, 7 July 2022 (all times Amsterdam/CET) – room REC A2.10

8.30-9.00h Welcome Coffee

9.00-9.15h Introduction by the organizing collective

9.15-11.00h Panel 1: ‘Thinking infrastructurally’ – Making infrastructures visible in legal thought

Alon Jasper (*Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Law*)
Infrastructure, disrupted?

Samuel Tabory (*Harvard Graduate School of Design*)
Unthinkable Legalities: Resource Transitions, Global Trade, and the Stories We Tell
Ourselves about Regional Futures

Palvasha Shahab (*Rasheed Razvi Center for Constitutional and Human Rights*) & Michael
Bader (*ECCHR Berlin*)

Promise and Practice: Strategic Absences in the Legal Infrastructures Animating Global Value Chains

Chair: Anna Beckers (Maastricht University)

11.00-11.30h Coffee Break

11.30-13.15h Panel 2: Narratives of sustainability in infrastructure

Ioannis Kampourakis (*Erasmus Law School Rotterdam*)

Reshoring Production or Supply Chain Resilience? Shifting Accounts of Sustainability in the Battery Supply Chain

Caitlin Murphy (*Melbourne Law School*)

Stockpiling Authority: Lithium, and the European Union's 'Critical Raw Materials' Lists

Mikołaj Szafrński (*LSE School of Law*)

International financial institutions and the promotion of e-waste management infrastructure for developmental aims

Chair: Klaas H. Eller (University of Amsterdam)

13.15-14.15h Lunch

14.15-16.00h Panel 3: The making and contestation of infrastructural sites

Vinzenz Baumer Escobar (*University of Oslo*)

Infrastructure, "Green Growth", and Labor in the Port of Rotterdam

Dilini Pathirana (*University of Colombo Faculty of Law*)

Politics, Law and Infrastructure in the Context of BRI: A Reflection on the Colombo Port City Project

Trang (Mae) Nguyen (*Temple Law School*)

Global company towns

Chair: Lucie White (Harvard University)

16.00-16.30h Coffee Break

16.30-17.45h Panel 4: Mapping infrastructure and the fluidity of corporate power

Peer Zumbansen (*McGill Faculty of Law*)

Cartographies of Production, Distribution and Disaster: The Underbelly of Global Value Chains as Counter-Map

Siddharth de Souza (*Tilburg University*)

The potential for exploitation in 'infrastructure innovation'

Chair: Anna Beckers (Maastricht University)

9.00-9.30h Coffee

9.30-10.45h Panel 5: Ecologies and temporalities of infrastructure

Eli Lazarus (*University of Southampton*)

The physical and economic infrastructure of coastal disaster traps

Patrick Bond and Mary Galvin (*University of Johannesburg*)

Conflicting climate-catastrophic narratives in Durban, South Africa: Politically-opportunistic, experiential and climate-justice epistemologies in an extreme weather event

Chair: Phillip Paiement (University of Tilburg)

10:45 - 11:15h Coffee Break

11.15-13.00h Panel 6: Agency, alliances and resistance in global production infrastructure

Jaakko Salminen (*Copenhagen Business School*)

Humans as infrastructure: Personal relations and the global governance of production in times of crisis

Antoine Duval (*Asser Institute*)

Between Apology and Utopia: Total's plan de vigilance as battleground for corporate responsibility

Ayse I. Kirac and Esther van Zimmeren (*University of Antwerp, Faculty of Law*)

The Role of Intellectual Property (IP) Rights and Innovation in Sustainable Global Value Chains (GVCs): Preliminary Ideas for IP Law and Governance Strategies to Build Sustainability in Infrastructures of GVCs

Chair: Vladimir Bogoeski (University of Amsterdam)

13.00-14.00h Lunch

14.00-16.30h Roundtable – Contesting infrastructure: Legal choke points and social mobilisation within and around ports.

with:

Dimitria Vini – No Port in Peiraiki. Piraeus, Greece

Antonio Montiel – Comissió Ciutat-Port. Valencia, Spain

Chiara Buratti – Comitato No Grandi Navi, Laguna Bene Comune. Venice, Italy

Tatiana Lujon – Client Earth

Sascha Landshoff – Greenpeace

Mireia Bas (translator and activist at Plataforma Stop Creuers. Tarragona, Spain)

Chair: Francesca Savoldi (TU Delft) and Tomaso Ferrando (University of Antwerp)

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