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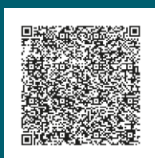
REBALANCE POLICY WORKSHOP

Online Workshop

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15:00-15:10 Welcome and Introduction

Session 1 - Corporate power, the rule of law and EU regulatory action

15:10-15:25 Corporate power, the rule of law and EU regulatory action

Speakers: Nadia Bernaz, Olena Uvarova (Wageningen University and NLU)

Discussants: Grazia Scocca (Legal and Policy Advisor Business and Human Rights - Avocats sans Frontières); Virginie Rouas (Policy Officer, European Coalition for Corporate Justice)

15:25-15:40 Business unity and division amidst backlash and retrenchment

Speaker: Tim Bartley (Stockholm University)

Discussants: Elissandra da Costa (Social LobbyMap); René Repasi (Member of the European Parliament, Head of the German Delegation in the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, JURI, ECON, FISC, ITRE)

15:40-15:55 EU legislative processes: how current structures and procedures favor economic actors over civil society and citizens' rights in regulatory outcomes

Speakers: Rachele Cavara, Sasha Piccione, Marco Tolotti, Francesco Zirpoli (University of Venice Ca' Foscari)

Discussant: Marcel Magnus (Economist for the European Parliament, Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union, Directorate for Economic and Scientific Policies Economic Governance and EMU Scrutiny Unit, EGOV)

5 Minutes Break

Session 2 - Corporations promoting or undermining rights?

16:00-16:15 Promoting corporate activism in defence of rights and democracy in the face of populist movements

Speaker: Andrew Crane (University of Bath)
Discussant: Oli Henman (Action for Sustainable Development)

16:15-16:30 When Businesses Violate Human Rights and Dodge Taxes: The Dual Crisis of Democracy

Speaker: Elisa Giuliani (University of Pisa)
Discussants: Olof Björnsson (Programme officer at Swedwatch); Joris van de Sandt (Senior Advisor on Business, Conflict & Human Rights at PAX for Peace)

16:30-16:45 Corporate Misconduct and the Erosion of Electoral Participation

Speaker: Elisa Giuliani (University of Pisa)
Discussant: Giulia Sergi (Consultant on systemic social impact)

Session 3 - Varieties of democratic organizing and community empowerment

16:45-17:00 Variety of democratic organizing and its reverberations

Speaker: Johanna Mair (Hertie School of Governance)
Discussants: Harry Bauer (Hertie School of Governance); Martin Denis (Senior Policy Advisor, Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD)

17:00-17:15 Multi-stakeholder partnerships across sectors and democratic empowerment of marginalized communities

Speaker: Francesco Rullani, Andjela Pavlovic (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)
Discussant: Grazia Sgarra (Head of Office - Development cooperation actors, partnerships and financial tools, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation - AICS)