

**Oxford Handbook of Global Corporations and International Law**  
**Second Authors' Workshop December 2025 (Part I) and January 2026**  
**(Part II)**

**“Global Corporations and International Law: Between Object and Agent of  
International Regulation”**

**Draft Program**

**First Part of the Workshop: History, Theory and Critical Approaches,**  
**17 and 18 December 2025**

**17 December 2025**

**PART I: THE GLOBAL CORPORATION: HISTORY AND THEORETICAL  
FOUNDATIONS**

**Panel 1: 9.00-10.45 h**

Economic History and the Private Corporation in the early Modern Period  
(**Ron Harris**) (*Commentator: Johannes Flume*)

Corporations and Sovereigns in the Early Modern Period (**Philip Stern**)  
(*Commentator: Ron Harris*)

The Birth of an Idea – The Development of the Global Corporation from the 17<sup>th</sup> to  
the 19<sup>th</sup> Century (**Johannes Flume**) (*Commentator: Philip Stern*)

Coffee Break

**Panel 2: 11.15-13.00 h**

Domestic Corporate Governance and International Law (**Andrew Sanger**)  
(*Commentator: Mavluda Sattorova*)

Conceptualising the Global Corporation (**Doreen Lustig**) (*Commentator: Kojo  
Koram*)

The Role of Corporations in the Global Political Economy (**Kojo Koram**)  
(*Commentator: Doreen Lustig*)

Lunch Break

**Panel 3: 14.30-15.45 h**

The Functions of Global Corporations (**Mavluda Sattorova**) (*Commentator: Rutger  
Claassen*)

The Purpose(s) of the Corporation: Views from Legal and Economic Theory  
(**Rutger Claassen**) (*Commentator: Andrew Sanger*)

Coffee Break

**Panel 4: 16.15-17.30 h**

The Influence of Trading Companies on the Concept of Sovereignty: A TWAIL and Marxist Perspective (*Ntina Tzouvala and Anastasiya Kotova*) (Commentator: *Lys Kulamandayil*)

Global Corporations and the Planet (*Lys Kulamandayil*) (Commentators: *Ntina Tzouvala and Anastasiya Kotova*)

Coffee Break

PART VII: CORPORATIONS AS LAW-MAKERS AND LAW-TAKERS IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (1/3)

**Panel 5: 18.00-19.15 h**

Arms Trade (*Natalie R. Davidson*) (Commentator: *Laurence Burgogue-Larsen*)

Regional Human Rights Law (*Laurence Burgogue-Larsen*) (Commentator: *Ashley Deeks*)

Use of Force (*Ashley Deeks*) (Commentator: *Natalie R. Davidson*)

**18 December 2025**

PART II: THE GLOBAL CORPORATION: CRITICAL APPROACHES

**Panel 6: 10.00-11.15 h**

Corporations and Global Governance (*Eyal Benvenisti*) (Commentator: *Anne Peters and Richard Dören*)

Corporations and Democracy (*Anne Peters and Richard Dören*) (Commentator: *Eyal Benvenisti*)

Coffee Break

**Panels 7 & 8: 11.45-13.00 h**

The Private Corporation and the State (*Andreas Kulick*) (Commentator: *Andrea Bianchi*)

Global Corporations and the Development of International Legal Theories (*Andrea Bianchi*) (Commentator: *Andreas Kulick*)

Lunch Break

PART V: CORPORATIONS AS AGENTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW-MAKING – MODES OF ENGAGEMENT

**Panel 9: 14.30-16.15 h**

Corporate Influence on International Adjudication (*Fuad Zarbiyev*) (Commentator: *Melissa Durkee*)

Corporate Lobbying for International Legal Change (*Melissa Durkee*) (Commentator: *E. Tendayi Achiume*)

Corporate Influences on International Legal Narratives (*E. Tendayi Achiume*) (Commentator: *Fuad Zarbiyev*)

Coffee Break

PART VII: CORPORATIONS AS LAW-MAKERS AND LAW-TAKERS IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2/3)

**Panel 10: 16.45-18:00**

Law of the Sea (**Seline Trevisanut**) (Commentators: Saadia M. Pekkanen and P.J. Blount)

International Space Law (**Saadia M. Pekkanen and P.J. Blount**) (Commentator: Seline Trevisanut)

**Second Part of the Workshop: Norm-Making and Norm-Taking Roles, 8 to 9 January 2025**

**8 January 2026**

PART IV: CORPORATIONS AS AGENTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW-MAKING – SOURCES

**Panel 11: 8.30-10.45 h**

Corporate Contributions to the History of Ideas of Treaties and Custom: Trading Companies and Beyond (**Raphael Schäfer**) (Commentators: Panos Merkouris and Marina Fortuna)

Corporations and the Canons of Interpretation in International Law (**Panos Merkouris and Marina Fortuna**) (Commentator: Matthias Goldmann)

Corporate Influence on the Jurisprudence of International Courts and Tribunals (**Gleider Hernández**) (Commentator: Raphael Schäfer)

Corporations and the Making and Hardening of Soft Law (**Matthias Goldmann**) (Commentator: Gleider Hernández)

Coffee Break

PART III: CORPORATIONS AS OBJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL REGULATION

**Panel 12: 11.15-13.00 h**

Ownership and Nationality (**Jean Ho**) (Commentators: Federica Paddeu and Oliver Hailes)

Diplomatic Protection (**Martins Paporinskis and Yanwen Zhang**) (Commentator: Jean Ho)

State Responsibility: Attribution and beyond (**Federica Paddeu and Oliver Hailes**) (Commentators: Martins Paporinskis and Yanwen Zhang)

Lunch Break

**Panel 13: 14.30-16.15 h**

State-Owned Enterprises (**Fabian Eichberger**) (Commentators: Susan Rose-Ackerman and Bonnie Palifka)

Corporate Rights under International Law and their Limits (**Christiane Ahlborn**)  
(Commentator: *Fabian Eichberger*)

Regulating Corporate Bribery in International Law (**Susan Rose-Ackerman and Bonnie Palifka**) (Commentator: *Christiane Ahlborn*)

Coffee Break

## PART VI: RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER NON-STATE ACTORS

### **Panel 14: 16.45-18.30 h**

International Organizations (**Jan Klabbers**) (Commentator: *Lawrence Hill-Cawthorne*)

Civil Society: NGOs (**Hannah Birkenkötter**) (Commentator: *Jan Klabbers*)

Armed Groups (**Lawrence Hill-Cawthorne**) (Commentator: *Hannah Birkenkötter*)

## 9 January 2026

## PART VII: CORPORATIONS AS LAW-MAKERS AND LAW-TAKERS IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (3/3)

### **Panel 15: 9.00-10.45 h**

International Environmental and Climate Change Law (**Jorge Viñuales, Ginevra Le Moli and Ben Chester**) (Commentator: *Maayan Menashe*)

International Economic Law (**Sergio Puig**) (Commentators: *Jorge Viñuales, Ginevra Le Moli and Ben Chester*)

International Labour Law (**Maayan Menashe**) (Commentator: *Sergio Puig*)

Coffee Break

## PART VIII: CORPORATIONS, TECHNOLOGY, AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

### **Panel 16: 11.15-13.00 h**

Disruption and Regulation: Corporations, States and Technology under International Law (**Neli Frost and Jennifer Tridgell**) (Commentators: *Kanad Bagchi and Andrea Leiter*)

The International Legal Aspect of Private Money – Cryptocurrencies, Corporations, and International Law (**Kanad Bagchi and Andrea Leiter**) (Commentator: *Jennifer Cobbe*)

Corporations and Artificial Intelligence (**Jennifer Cobbe**) (Commentator: *Neli Frost and Jennifer Tridgell*)

Lunch Break

## PART VIII: CORPORATIONS, TECHNOLOGY, AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

### **Panel 17: 14.30-16.45 h**

Corporations, Movable Property Rights and the Cape Town Convention (**Louise Gullifer and Jeffrey Wool**) (Commentator: *Rumiana Yotova*)

Genome Editing and the Role of Corporations in Shaping the International Regulatory Landscape (**Rumiana Yotova**) (Commentators: *Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan*)

Intellectual Property Control (***Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan***) (Commentator: *Tsilly Dagan and Richard S. Collier*)

International Tax Law (***Tsilly Dagan and Richard S. Collier***) (Commentator: *Louise Gullifer and Jeffrey Wool*)

Coffee Break

#### CHAPTERS FROM MICELLANEOUS PARTS DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS

**Panel 18: 17.15-19.30 h**

A Socio-Legal Theory of Corporate International Law-Making (***Galit Sarfaty***)  
(Commentator: *Barnali Choudhury*)

International Human Rights Law (***Barnali Choudhury***) (Commentator: *Diane Desierto*)

Corporate Obligations under International Law (***Kathleen Claussen***) (Commentator: *Galit Sarfaty*)

Corporations Enforcing International Law (***Diane Desierto***) (Commentator: *Kathleen Claussen*)