



Research Networking Programmes

Science Meeting – Scientific Report

Scientific report (one single document in WORD or PDF file) should be submitted online within two months of the event. It should not exceed seven A4 pages.

Proposal Title: GLOTHRO Workshop on Responsibility and Obligations from Global Justice

Application Reference N°: 5104

1) Summary (up to one page)

The workshop expanded on and deepened key themes of the debate on ‘Globalisation and the Transformation of Legal Obligations’, which formed the topic of the second panel of the 2011 GLOTHRO stocktaking conference. These themes form a distinct line of inquiry and run throughout the duration of the GLOTHRO project, aiming to engage in dialogue on foundational issues with the other research lines of the project. It is expected that at the end of GLOTHRO the scholars working within the various components of the project will come to share a common interdisciplinary perspective, which connects theory and practice.

In terms of format: the workshop comprised a general session and 4 thematic panels of 135 min each and took place over two days at the University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium, **on the 11- 12 October 2013**. Each panel consisted of one keynote lecture (30 min long) and two comments (15 min each).

Written drafts of the keynotes were pre-circulated to participants one month in advance; drafts of the comments became available to participants one week before the event. With an eye to in-depth debate each panel allowed ample time for discussion (the first 40 minutes were reserved for interaction between the authors of the papers on the panel, following which every participant was invited to engage in the discussion).

2) Description of the scientific content of and discussions at the event (up to four pages)

The workshop addressed the fundamental questions of responsibility that are linked to obligations of global justice. On a more abstract level it inquired, during a general session, into conditions for global justice responsibility: 1) the **“Why and What”** questions, addressing grounds, causation and principles of allocation/distribution of responsibility; 2) the **‘Who’** question, focussing on the bearers/subjects of responsibility (units); This general session provided the general format for the applied questions in subsequent panels. Turning to more applied questions, the special panels brought the theoretical discussion to bear on a number of problematic contemporary issues: 1) financial crises; 2) climate change; 3) migration (and global poverty); 4) natural resource exploitation. On both the theoretical and applied-oriented levels the presentations and discussions sought to articulate, concrete normative arguments with an eye to modelling legal codification of regimes of global responsibility.

In terms of approach the proceedings of the workshop were conducted in an interdisciplinary manner. In this light the workshop succeeded in making the extremely rich philosophical debate on the obligations of global justice fruitful for the legal debate on transnational human rights obligations.

3) Assessment of the results and impact of the event on the future directions of the field (up to two pages)

A key innovation of the format was the pairing of philosophers with lawyers. In principle the keynote lectures were to be offered by philosophers, while respondents were recruited

from the community of law academics and practitioners. This format reflected the intention of the organisers to bring well-developed philosophical arguments to bear on concrete questions of law and policy as those are raised and discussed by legal scholarship and practice. To our knowledge the above format is unprecedented in the field of inquiry at hand.

The key outcome of the conference was to question the idea that in a world with only states and firms, we would have reasons to consider that the domestic justice obligations of the state are proportionally larger (compared to those of the firm) than the global justice obligations of the state (compared to those of the firm at the global level). In other words, it sought to establish that independently of whether global duties are weaker than domestic ones (all actors considered), there are good reasons to think that the *proportion* in both spheres will not differ. The discussion addressed two dimensions: questions of 'Why and What' (Grounds and Causation); and questions of 'Who' (Subjects/Bearers).

The main output will be a substantial publication on global justice and the law, which will compare in its scope, depth and prominence to the recently published volume: Besson and Tassioulas (eds), *The Philosophy of International Law* (OUP 2010). Given the originality and topical nature of the theme, it is expected that the outcomes of the workshop and any publication amounting from it will cater for high visibility of the project amongst lawyers and political philosophers likewise.

Following the workshop a 6-month deadline was set for revising papers and submitting final versions, while the convenor (G Pavlakos) will be prepare a book proposal and seek a leading academic publisher (OUP or CUP) and/or Journal (Ratio Juris, Ethical Perspectives) to place the papers.

4) Annexes 4a) and 4b): Programme of the meeting and full list of speakers and participants

Annex 4a: Programme of the meeting

TIMETABLE WORKSHOP GLOTHRO

RESPONSIBILITY and OBLIGATIONS FROM GLOBAL JUSTICE

Friday 11th of October 2013

Venue: E.207 Grote Kauwenberg 2, City Campus, Antwerpen

- 09:45 h – 10:00 h - Coffee and tea
- 10:00 h – 12:15 h - Panel 1: Climate Change
Keynote: Prof. Lukas Meyer
How Legitimate Expectations matter in Climate Justice
Respondents: Mr. drs. Tobias Arnoldussen
- 12:15 h – 13:45 h - Lunch
- 13:45 h – 16:00 h - Panel 2: Migration
Keynote: Dr. Nils Holtug
Global Luck, Egalitarianism and International Migration
Respondents: Dr. Kieran Oberman
Prof. Wolfgang Benedek
- 16:00 h – 16:30 h - Coffee and tea break
- 16:30 h – 18:45 h - Panel 3: Responsibility and Global Justice
Keynote: Prof. Mathias Risse
Responsibility and Global Justice
Respondents: Prof. Axel Gosseries
Prof. George Pavlakos

FOR SPEAKERS and COMMENTATORS ONLY: Closure of the first day with a conference dinner at Restaurant the 'Lokeend', Gen. Beliliardstraat 11, Antwerpen

Saturday 12th of October 2013

Venue: E.207 Grote Kauwenberg 2, City Campus, Antwerpen

- 10:00 h – 10:15 h - Coffee and tea
- 10:15 h – 12:30 h - Panel 4: Global Finance
Keynote: Prof. Aaron James
The Distinctive Significance of Systemic Risk
Respondents: Dr. Alexia Herwig
Prof. Mathias Risse
- 12:30 h – 14:00 h - Lunch
- 14:00 h – 16:15 h - Panel 5: Natural Resources Exploitation
Keynote: Prof. Chris Armstrong
Sharing the Costs of Natural Resource Protection: the Case of Rainforests
Respondents: Prof. Cedric Ryngaert
Dr. Oliviero Angeli

Closure of the conference.

Annex 4b: Full list of speakers and participants

D. LIST OF PROPOSED SPEAKERS/PARTICIPANTS

Keynote speakers:

Professor Mathias Risse (Harvard Kennedy School of Government)

Professor. Aaron James (University of California Irvine)

Professor Lukas Meyer (Universität Graz)

Dr. Nils Holtug (University of Copenhagen)

Professor Chris Armstrong (University of Southampton)

Commentators:

Professor Axel Gosseries (Universite catholique Louvain)

Professor George Pavlakos (University of Antwerp and University of Glasgow)

Dr. Alexia Herwig (University of Antwerp)

Professor Cedric Ryngaert (KU-Leuven and University of Utrecht)

Mr. Tobias Arnoldussen (University of Amsterdam)

Dr. Kieran Oberman (University of Edinburgh)

Professor Wolfgang Benedek (Universität Graz)

Dr. Oliviero Angeli (Technische Universität Dresden)

Participants:

Professor Wouter Vandenhole (University of Antwerp)

Mr. Arne Vandenbogaerde (University of Antwerp)

Dr. Jernej Cernic (School of Government and European Studies)

Mr. Tamo Atobangawung (University of Antwerp)

Dr. Mariano Croce (University of Antwerp)

Mr. Umberto Sconfienza (Tilburg University)

Ms. Jessica Duggan-Larkin (University College London)

Ms. Hye-Min Kim (University of Utrecht)

Mr. Sebastian Baldinger (University of Vienna and Antwerp)

Ms. Mi-Sue Akkerman (University of Antwerp and Amsterdam)

Mr. Triantafyllos Gkouvas (University of Antwerp)