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Natural resources grabbing: erosion or legitimate exercise of State sovereignty?

4th and 5th October 2013

University of Cagliari (Sardinia, Italy)

Aula Magna del Rettorato

Friday 4th October

12 - 12.20: Welcome and preliminary remarks

12.20 - 13.45 Introductory Session: Natural Resources Grabbing: Mapping the field

Chair: Tullio Treves (University of Milano)

Federica Violi, "The practice of land grabbing and its compatibility with the exercise of territorial sovereignty" (University of Milano)

Jochen Von Bernstorff, "'Landgrabbing', Sovereignty and Human Rights" (University of Tübingen)

M. Bordignon, R. Greco, G. Lepore, "Water Grabbing and Water Rights: Indigenous 'Sovereignty' v. State Sovereignty?" (University of Roma - University of Miami)

Lars Schönwald, The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and Its Impact on the Development of Sub-Saharan Africa (Passau, Germany)

Aleš Weingerl, "The International Legal Nature of Oil Concessions" (University of Oxford)

13.45 - 15.00: Lunch

15.00 - 17.00 Session I: Natural Resources Grabbing and Human Rights

Chair: Sheldon Leader (University of Essex)

Nadia Bernaz and Jérémie Gilbert, "Resources Grabbing and Human Rights: Building a Triangular Relationship between States, Indigenous Peoples and Corporations" (University of Middlesex, UK)

Anil Yilmaz and Tara Van Ho, “Integrating Human Rights into the Extractive Industries: How Treaties, Laws and Contracts Can Achieve Protection” (University of Essex, UK)

Louis Furmanski, “Indigenous Rights and the Keystone XL Pipeline: The National and International Law Nexus” (University of Central Oklahoma, USA)

Amrita Mukherjee, “Human rights monitoring of abuses associated with Land Concessions in Asia.” (University of Leeds, UK)

Elisa Ruozi, “Land grabbing and international human rights: the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights about the rights of indigenous peoples.” (University of Torino)

Daniel Augenstein, “Natural Resources Grabbing, Economic Globalisation and the Politics of Human Rights Law”, (University of Tilburg, the Netherlands)

17.00 - 17.30: Coffee Break

17.30 - 19.00 Session II: Natural Resources Grabbing and Environmental Law

Chair: Ellen Hey (Erasmus University, Rotterdam)

Marco Citelli, “The Designation of protected areas pursuant to biodiversity-related MEAs as a way to reconcile State sovereignty with natural resources grabbing” (“Bocconi” University, Milano)

Annalisa Savaresi, “Natural Resource Grabbing: The case of tropical forests and REDD+” (University of Edinburgh)

Komlan Sangbana, “Les investissements fonciers internationaux ou la mise aux enchères de l’environnement ? : Le cas du bassin du Niger” (University of Geneva)

Roberto Virzo, “La confiscation en tant que mesure contre le trafic international illicite de ressources naturelles” (University of Sannio, Italy)

20.30: Gala Dinner

Saturday 5th October

9.00-11.00 Session III: Natural Resources Grabbing and International Investments

Chair: (invited) Zachary Douglas (University of Geneva)

Hayes Sarah, “Acquisitions ou locations de terres arables à grande échelle : actualisation du contrat d’Etat au service de la protection des intérêts de la communauté internationale” (University of Strasbourg)

Tomoko Ishikawa, “The Role of International Environmental Principles in Investment Treaty Arbitration: The Polluter Pays Principle and Partial Compensation” (Waseda Institute for Advanced Study, Tokyo)

Marieclaire Colaiacomo, Ron Hartman, “Protecting natural resources: do IFIs matter? IFAD a climate sensitive IFI in Indonesia.” (IFAD)

Ross Olanya, “The World Bank and Supranational Institutions: Land Grabbing and the Complexities in Development Agenda in sub Saharan Africa” (Gulu University – Uganda)

Inesa Stolper, “Exploration and extraction of natural resources: MIGA’s role in promotion of foreign investments into developing countries”, (College of Europe, Belgium/Lithuania)

11 - 11.30: Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.30 Session IV: Natural Resources Grabbing, WTO and EU Law

Chair: Nerina Boschiero (University of Milan)

Julinda Beqiraj, “Water resources’ exploitation and trade flows: the impact of international trade law” (University of Trento)

Ilaria Espa, “Emerging issues affecting trade in energy resources: the case of export restrictions and the role of WTO to provide a balance between natural resources nationalism and sustainable development” (University “Luiss” Rome)

Chien-Huei Wu, “Access to Raw Materials: the Boundaries and Linkage of Trade and Investment Regimes” (University of Florence)

Marco Borraccetti, “Droit a l’eau et acces aux ressources hydrique dans les politique de developpement de l’UE” (University of Bologna)

Federico Esu, “The European model with the integration of sustainable criteria under the Directive 2009/28 on Renewable Energy: solution to protect lands use in third countries? (University of London - UCL)

13.30 - 15: Lunch

15 - 16.30 Session V: Natural Resources Grabbing and Conflicts

Chair: Phoebe Okowa (Queen Mary University, London)

D.A. Dam de Jong, “Political initiatives to address natural resources predation in internal armed conflicts: what lessons to be learned?” (University of Leiden, the Netherlands)

Janan Al-Asady, “Iraq's sovereignty over hydrocarbon resources”(University of London SOAS)

Marco Pertile, “On the financing of civil wars through Natural resources: Is there a duty of Vigilance for third states on the activities of trans-national corporations?” (University of Trento)

Garima Tiwari, “Breaking the resource curse: prosecuting pillage of natural resources” (University of Camerino)

16.30 - 17.30 Final Roundtable: Remarks by the Chairs