

# Göttingen Conference on Labour Standards in International Economic Law

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# Welcome ...

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The ever-intensifying globalization and interdependence of the economy, framed by the rapid evolution of international economic law, brings about new challenges for the protection and promotion of labour standards. Despite many efforts, a coherent and satisfying multilateral solution for globalization-related aspects of labour standards is far from being put to practice. At the same time, labour standards play an increasing role in regional trade agreements, unilateral preference schemes, international investment agreements and in a range of non-state initiatives, such as codes of conduct of multinational enterprises, international framework agreements and the work of NGOs. The ILO, for its part, has strived to adapt its work and engage in formulating responses to the challenges of globalization. The plenitude of different (and sometimes conflicting) approaches shapes a multilevel and multipolar status quo, the structure and potential of which is largely yet to be discerned.

On 1-2 October 2015, the Institute for International Law and European Law (Department for International Economic Law and Environmental Law) will be convening an international conference, inviting academics and practitioners from around the world to engage in discussions on some of the most pressing issues at the tangent of international economic law and international labour standards.

The Institute cordially invites interested persons and organizations to come to Göttingen and to participate in the discussion.

Date	1-2 October, 2015.
Venue	Göttingen, Georg-August-University.
Language	The conference language will be English.
Registration	Registrations are welcome until September 10, 2015. (intecolaw@gwdg.de)
Fee	EUR 50.00 - speakers, chairs and students excluded. After you have received our confirmation email, your registration will become valid once we receive your conference fee. Please transfer the fee to:

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# First Day, Oct 1

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From 8.30 am

## **Registration**

9.00 am

## **Welcome Address**

Henner Gött, LL.M., Göttingen

## **Introduction**

Separated Siblings - The Divide of International Economic Law and International Labour Law

- Prof. Dr. Peter-Tobias Stoll, Göttingen

9.40 am

## **Panel 1 - Labour Standards and Labour Rights Today**

Chaired by Anne Trebilcock, Göttingen

The ILO's Mandate and Capacity - Creating, Proliferating and Supervising Labour Standards for a Globalized Economy

- Dr. Claire La Hovary, Glasgow

Labour and International Economic Law from a Human Rights Perspective

- Prof. Dr. Tonia Novitz, Bristol

Discussion

11.10 am

## **Coffee break**

11.30 am

## **Panel 2 - Private Initiatives**

Chaired by Prof. Dr. Andreas Hänlein, Kassel (tbc)

Corporate Codes of Conduct

- Dr. Katja Gehne, Ludwigshafen (BASF)

Litigation under the US Alien Torts Claims Act

- Prof. Dr. Anja Seibert-Fohr, LL.M., Göttingen

Discussion

1.00 pm

## **Lunch break**

2.30 pm

**Private Initiatives (continued)**

The Promotion of Labour Standards through International Framework Agreements

- Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Krause, Göttingen

The Perspective of NGOs – Social Labelling

- Nazli Aghazadeh, B.A., Göttingen

Discussion

4.00 pm

**Coffee break**

4.30 pm

**Panel 3 - The Development Perspective**

Chaired by Prof. Dr. Jan Orbie, Ghent

EU Social Trade Conditionality in Action: The Case of Costa Rica

- Deborah Martens, M.A., Ghent

Labour Standards and International Financial Institutions

- Franz Ebert, LL.M., Heidelberg

Discussion

7.00 pm

**Reception**

# Second Day, Oct 2

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9.00 am

## **Panel 4 - Labour and Investment**

Chaired by Prof. Dr. Frank Schorkopf, Göttingen

Labour Standards in International Investment Agreements

- Ruben Zandvliet, LL.M., Leiden

Labour and Investment - A Human Rights Perspective

- Prof. Dr. Mary Footer, LL.M., Nottingham

Discussion

10.30 am

## **Coffee break**

11.00 am

## **Panel 5 - Labour Standards and Trade (I)**

Chaired by Prof. Dr. Friedl Weiss, LL.M., Vienna

WTO Law, Labour Standards and Human Rights - Implications  
of the EC-Seal Products case

- Prof. Dr. Thomas Cottier, LL.M., Berne

WTO and Child Labour

- Dr. Franziska Humbert, Berne

Discussion

12.30 pm

## **Lunch break**

2.00 pm

## **Panel 6 - Labour Standards and Trade (II)**

Chaired by Dr. Holger Hestermeyer, LL.M., London

Negotiating and Implementing Labour Standards in Regional  
Trade Agreements – The Chilean Experience

- Pablo Lazo Grandi, Santiago de Chile (Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Labour Dispute Settlement in Free Trade Agreements - A  
Comparative Analysis of Systemic Deficiencies

- Patrick Abel, MJur, Göttingen

Is there a Case for an Individual Labour Complaint Procedure  
in Future Free Trade Agreements?

- Henner Gött, LL.M., Göttingen

Discussion

4.00 pm

**Concluding Remarks**

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