

Sustainable Law and Corporate Compliance

Bridging Southern and Northern Perspectives

Time: 09:00–17:00, Friday 23 October 2026

Location: Auditorium/Room 2.21, Floor 2, Leiden University

College: Anna van Buerenplein 301, 2595 DG, Den Haag

09:15 – 09:50 | Opening

• Welcome (5 min)



Dr. Qiao Cong-rui
 Founder and Director of
 Law4Sustainability



Dr. Yulia Levashova
 Associate Professor,
 Nyenrode Business University

• Opening Speech (10 min)



Prof. Tom Zwart
 Utrecht University

• Keynote Speech (10 min)



Prof. Geert-Jan Knoops
 Knoops' Advocaten & University
 of Amsterdam

• Q&A (10 min)

09:50 – 10:00 | Group Photo

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10:00 – 11:00 | Panel I

Innovations and Developments in Sustainable Law and Compliance: Asian Perspectives



Dr. Tang Yingxia China
 Associate Professor in Human Rights
 Law, Nankai University



Ms. Anna Kim Kazakhstan
 Head of the Competence Centre for
 Green Economy (AHK Zentralasien /
 GFCC Central Asia)



Dr. Saltanat Imanova Kyrgyzstan
 Associate Professor American University
 of Central Asia/Arbitrator

• Moderator



Dr. Yulia Levashova

• Q&A (15 mins)

11:20 – 12:20 | Panel II

Recent Developments and Innovations in Sustainable Law and Compliance: Southern Perspectives



Ms. Andrea Cardoso Brazil
 Board-Level Compliance Advisor and
 Ethics & Compliance Executive
 (Saipem Compliance Committee)



Ms. Anuja Tiwari India
 Senior Partner (AZB & Partners)



Dr. Thandiwe Matthews South Africa
 Lecturer in Law & Development Studies,
 Wits University; Attorney of the High
 Court of South Africa

• Moderator



Prof. Omar Ramon Serrano Oswald
 Bern University of Applied Sciences

• Q&A (15 mins)

12:20 – 13:30 | Lunch Break
(Community Kitchen area, Floor 2)

13:30 – 14:30 | Panel III

Sustainable Law and Compliance:

Global North Perspectives



Mr. Drs. Romeo Kadir European Union
GRC Lead, PhD candidate, Nyenrode
(Digital Human Rights); Visiting
Honorary Prof. of Global GRC,
Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia



Dr. Xu Kang Germany
Postdoctoral Researcher (Business
and Human Rights), University of
Erlangen-Nuremberg



Dr. Livia Holden France
Director of Research, National Centre
for Scientific Research

Summary presented by:



Dr. Kim-Thao Le
Postdoctoral Researcher (Law &
Governance), Université Paris X –
Nanterre



Ms. Danileen Kristel Parel-Cadag United States
Research Lead, World Benchmarking
Alliance



Dr. Stefanie Lemke UK
Director, Rule of Law Initiative;
Sr. Scientific Officer, International
Institute for Socio-Legal Studies

Summary presented by:



Ms. Shiba Kurian
Researcher, Water Governance and
Climate Change Adaptation

• **Moderator**



Dr. Qiao Cong-rui

• **Q&A** (15 mins)

14:30 – 14:50 | Break
(Community Kitchen area, Floor 2)

14:50 – 16:00 | Panel IV

The Role of Arbitration and Litigation in Enforcing
Sustainability Obligations

• **New Frontiers in Dispute Resolution**



Prof. Gerard Meijer
Partner, Linklaters



Mr. Bas van Niekerk
Managing Associate, Linklaters



Mr. Thomas de Boer
Associate, Linklaters

• **Litigating Sustainability**



Ms. Suzanne Knijnenburg
Senior Associate, White & Case

• **Due Diligence and Legal Compliance**



Mr. Aldo Sainz Lopez
Consultant; PhD Candidate in Business Law,
Universidad de Santiago de Compostela

• **Conclusion**



Mr. Robin Ravensbergen
Senior advisor, Knoops' Advocaten and
Lecturer University of Amsterdam

• **Moderator**



Dr. Yulia Levashova

• **Q&A** (15 mins)

16:00 – 16:30 | Conclusion

• **Concluding Speech** (10 min)



Ms. Laure Jacquier
Director General, International Chamber
of Commerce of the Netherlands

• **Announcement of book publication in 2027** (10 min)



Ms. Gwen de Vries
Business and Product Development
Consultant (Wolters Kluwer)

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