

## REPRESENTATIONS OF THE (EXTRA)TERRITORIAL

### THEORETICAL AND VISUAL PERSPECTIVES

*22-23 April 2016, Utrecht University School of Law*

Progressive, post-realist scholarship engaging with the 'end of geography' has observed that state borders have become porous due to increased communication, travel and migration opportunities, and the emergence of global, cosmopolitan values. Individuals' primary allegiance is no longer, as a matter of course, with the state in which they reside, or with their fellow nationals within that state's borders. Individuals and states may have duties towards 'others' in far-flung places. Borders, in this view, are accidents of history, enclosing an arbitrarily bounded space that is no longer in keeping with the sociological reality of global human interdependency.

The question arises what the evaporation of borders means for conceptualizations of representations of territoriality, sovereignty, and jurisdiction. This innovative conference, organized by Utrecht University in collaboration with the Exterritory art project (<http://exterritory.wordpress.com>), will combine theoretical (academic) and visual (artistic) perspectives. On the basis of an artistic image, speakers are invited to reflect on specific issues of (ex-)territoriality. The conference is interdisciplinary, combining law, political science, philosophy, and art, and will feature leading scholars in the field.

The conference will consist of four panels, addressing respectively virtual reality, the environment, human rights, and general conceptual shifts in understandings of territoriality. It will take place in the Spring of 2016, taking two days (afternoon of day 1, and morning of day 2). Speakers are expected to present a paper, which should later be published in an edited volume or special issue of a journal.

Funding will be provided by the European Research Council and the Dutch Organization for Scientific Research.

Please register via [secretariaat.ier@uu.nl](mailto:secretariaat.ier@uu.nl).

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### PROGRAMME

#### Friday, 22 April 2016:

*Venue: Raadzaal, Achter Sint Pieter 200, 3512 HT Utrecht*

13:00 – 13:10: Welcoming of participants

13:10 – 13:25: Introductory words by **Prof. Cedric Ryngaert** (Utrecht University)

13:25 – 13:45: Presentation of the Exterritory Project and projection of new work on flags of convenience by **Mayaan Amir & Ruti Sela**

#### Presentations and Discussions:

##### **Panel I: Shifting Understandings of Territoriality**

*This panel makes theoretical inquiries into how epistemic changes, international solidarity, and the empowerment of private actors have redefined the role of the nation-state and the meaning of territory.*

13:45 – 14:10: **Prof. Wouter Werner & Dr. Geoff Gordon** (VU Amsterdam) – *Imageries of Cosmopolitanism*

14:10 – 14:35: **Prof. Peer Zumbansen** (King's College London) – *Transnational Private Regulation as Extraterritoriality*

14:35 – 15:00: **Prof. Mireille Hildebrandt** (Radboud University Nijmegen) – *Law-enforcement in a Virtual World: a Legal-Philosophical Inquiry*



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15:00 – 15:40: **Debate**

15:40 – 16:05: **Coffee break**

## **Panel II: Territoriality and the Environment**

*This panels ascertains how new understandings of territoriality and extraterritoriality contribute to environmental protection.*

16:05 – 16:30: **Prof. Philip Steinberg** (Durham University) – *Extraterritory, the Extraterritorial, and the Entrepreneurial-Nautical Yonder*

16:30 – 16:55: **Prof. Chris Armstrong** (University of Southampton) – *Global Justice Duties and the Environment*

16:55 – 17:20 **Prof. Juscelino Colares** (Case Western University) – *Protecting the Environment via Extraterritorial Trade Measures*

17:20 – 18:00 **Debate**

## **Saturday, 23 April 2016:**

*Venue: Belle van Zuylenzaal, Academy Building Utrecht, Domplein 29, 3512 Utrecht*

## **Panel III: Human Rights Territoriality**

*In this panel, speakers reflect on how cosmopolitan views have informed extraterritorial action as a means to strengthen the protection of human rights and human dignity.*

9:30 – 9:55: **Dr. Kerry Woods** (Leeds University) - *Human Dignity, Vulnerability and Human Rights*

9:55 – 10:20: **Prof. Marcus Düwell** (Utrecht University) – *Human Dignity beyond the Nation-State*

10:20 – 10:45: **Dr. Daniel Augenstein** (Tilburg University) – *Extraterritoriality and Corporate Human Rights Violations*

10:45 – 11:25: **Debate**

11:25 – 12:00: **Concluding remarks**