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Prosecuting Corporations for international Crime - The Jurisdictional Issues/ International Colloquium AIDP Panel 4, XX World Congress

University of Basel, Faculty of Law organized by Prof. Dr. Sabine Gless

June 2-4, 2017

Jurisdiction must be based on a link between the alleged crime and the competence of the state that exercises judicial authority. Territory has served as the predominant link, after it had gradually replaced the personality principle following the Westphalian principle.

In criminal law, however, concurrent jurisdictional claims have always been present. But the understanding seem to vary regionally a lot: From the claim that crime is local to the opinion of recent initiatives to hold corporations accountable not only for domestic but also for international *core crimes* (those included in the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court, ICC), as well as *treaty crimes* (for instance, environmental crimes and violations of human rights etc.). The U.N. Human Rights Council set a global standard by adopting the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs or *Ruggie principles*), which address possible adverse impact on human rights linked to business activity. According to that standard not only have states a duty to protect human rights, but corporations must respect them, too, and victims of business-related abuses must have access to a legal remedy.

Your reports have explained your country's approach to jurisdictional issues related to Corporate Criminal Responsibility, focusing on cases of alleged violations of human rights or environmental crime by corporations, with a special emphasis on extraterritorial jurisdiction.

During our meeting we will discuss findings of country reports, aspects of the general report, focus on discussions and initiatives around the implementation of the Ruggie Principles, debate and adopt the draft resolutions for Panel 4 of the XX World Congress.



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Thursday, June 1st : Arrival Day

XX:00-XX:00

Dinner option

Friday, June 2nd: Conference

See separate Program

Saturday, June 3rd : Working Session I

08:30-10:30	Welcome (Katalin Ligeti, AIDP Vice-president Scientific Coordination)
	Discussion of draft General Report – Focus & Priorities (Sabine Gless)
	Coffee Break
11:00-13:00	Discussion of draft General Report – Legal framework governing the prosecution of corporations (Sabine Gless)
	Lunch Break
14:30-16:00	Discussion of draft resolutions on general aspects of jurisdiction (Sab- ine Gless)
	Coffee Break
16:30-18:30	Discussion of draft resolutions on jurisdictional rules for prosecuting corporations under international law (Sabine Gless)
XX:XX	Dinner option

Sunday, June 4th 2017: Working Session II

08:30-9:30	Publication Issues (Gert Vermeulen, AIDP Director GGeneral of Publi- cations) Coffee Break
10:30-13:00	Adoption of draft resolutions (Sabine Gless)
	Lunch and Departure



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