

**INVITATION TO JOINT SEMINAR BY STOCKHOLM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND
POLICY CENTRE, AND STOCKHOLM CENTRE FOR COMMERCIAL LAW:**

TRANSBOUNDARY CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY: EFFECTIVE LAW OR WISHFUL THINKING?

Time: Wednesday 4 March 2026, at 13.00-18.00

Venue: Juristernas Hus (Lawyers' House) at Stockholm University

Registration: Through the following link by 26 February 2026:

<https://participate-sccl.se/view.php?id=492429>

Increasing attention is given to transboundary responsibility of corporations for harm to human health and the environment – not least in North-South contexts. Do we see a legal shift towards effectively holding corporations to account in transboundary contexts? If not, what is needed?

The seminar will highlight:

- North-South perspectives on transboundary corporate responsibility;
- The allocation of responsibility in corporate groups and value chains;
- EU law on sustainability corporate due diligence;
- Existing civil liability regimes to address transboundary responsibility;
- The lack of an international legal framework on corporate responsibility.

For **programme** and **presentations of the speakers**, see below:

The seminar will be held in English and is free of charge.

All participants are also invited to a reception after the seminar.

Most welcome!

PROGRAMME:

- **Welcome addresses**
 - **Sara Göthlin**, Director, Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law
 - **Jonas Ebbesson**, Director, Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre
 - **Stina Bratt**, Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law, Moderator
- **Speakers**
 - **Jonas Ebbesson**, Stockholm University, “Transboundary corporate responsibility in environmental matters; what is it about?”
 - **Hennie Strydom**, University of Johannesburg: “The nature and scope of the African region’s environmental compliance deficit”
 - **Lisa Hsin**, University of Surrey: “From case law to compliance: Common law approaches in sustainability and value chains regulation”
 - **Kelly Chen**, Södertörn University: “Regulatory Approaches to Transnational Corporate Responsibility: Lessons Learned from the EU”
 - **Fredrik Sandberg**, Stockholm University: “The application of traditional tort law regimes in the context of transboundary corporate responsibility: what do the main approaches in European national tort law imply?”
- **Panel discussion**

SPEAKERS:

Stina Bratt is Associate Professor in Private Law at Stockholm University, Research Fellow at the Swedish Corporate Governance Institute, and is co-heading the Research Panel for Tort Law at the Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law.

Kelly Chen (Dr.) is a Senior Lecturer in Private Law at Södertörn University and Head of the Research Panel for Comparative Commercial Law at Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law.

Jonas Ebbesson is Professor of Environmental Law and Director of the Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre at Stockholm University.

Sara Göthlin is Director of the Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law and Researcher at the Centre in the areas of financial, insolvency and market law.

Lisa Hsin (Dr.) is a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Surrey and researches contemporary issues in commercial law, including human rights compliance in corporate practice.

Fredrik Sandberg (LL.D. in Private Law) is a Legal Counsel and is co-heading the Research Panel for Tort Law at the Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law

Hendrik Andries (Hennie) Strydom is the National South African Research Chair in International Law and Professor of Public International Law at the University of Johannesburg, as well as the President of the South African Branch of the International Law Association.