

Call for Papers

Conference on the *Dynamics of Inclusive Prosperity*

Erasmus University Rotterdam, November 29-30, 2018

The [Erasmus Initiative on the Dynamics of Inclusive Prosperity](https://www.eur.nl/en/research/erasmus-initiatives/dynamics-inclusive-prosperity)¹ aims at advancing knowledge on how to foster prosperity without causing social and political exclusion, environmental degradation and social, political and ethnic conflict. To foster multidisciplinary research in this area, we are organizing a Conference on the *Dynamics of Inclusive Prosperity*.

This Conference aims at exploring how socio-economic and legal institutions shape (financial) markets and the conduct of corporations, and in particular how they stir inclusive prosperity (or fail to do so). Markets are governed through a complex web of domestic and international legal regimes, including transnational private regulation, corporate social responsibility (CSR), hybrid regulatory regimes, international trade and investment agreements, and environmental and human rights laws. Financial markets are considered by some as crucial to development and by others as the culprit of much inequality. Clearly, financial markets matter for inclusive prosperity. As of today, it is not clear in what ways financial markets foster inclusive prosperity and how they may hinder it. In spite of the multiple and intersecting legal institutions of transnational and international governance, the challenges to achieve inclusive prosperity are still daunting.

We invite papers from various disciplines (law, corporate governance, business, sociology of law, criminology, financial economics, philosophy of economics, sociology of finance, etc.) to address questions on one of the following themes:

Regulating Responsibility

- Promises and limits of transnational private regulation (e.g. certification systems)
- Alternative systems to enhance the responsibility of global corporations
- Promises and limits of new fora of accountability (e.g. National Contact Points (NCP) as alternatives to CSR and to domestic forms of liability)
- Advantages and disadvantages of including (CSR) obligations for investors in new trade and investment agreements (e.g. CETA, TPP, new Model BITs)
- Usefulness of arbitration to enhance the responsibility of the transnational corporation
- Promises and limits of domestic legal systems to create full accountability for multinational corporations
- Influence of investors on the CSR performance of companies

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Responsible Financial Markets

- The role of governance of finance in fostering prosperity
- Government/political process in re-shaping financial systems
- Behavior and responsibility of financial agents (e.g., global institutions of finance, trans-national and central banks, pension funds, sovereign wealth funds and other institutional as well as private investors)
- Sustainable investing and impact investing
- Financial Inclusion: access and use of financial services
- Financial frictions and the macro-economy
- Systemic risk and financial regulation
- Fragility in banks and non-banks institutions
- The role of Financial Technology (FinTech) in fostering prosperity

Conference Format

The Conference will take place at Erasmus University Rotterdam on November 29-30, 2018. The first day of the conference (co-hosted with the World Economic Forum and Philips) will bring together academics with speakers from the worlds of business, government, and NGOs. The first day will also include a reception and a dinner to facilitate the exchange of knowledge with practitioners. The second day will have a stronger academic focus.

Paper and Abstracts submissions:

We invite you to submit papers or extended abstracts by **August 31, 2018**.

Please send your submission to: inclusiveprosperity@eur.nl

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Conference Organizers: The research team of the [Erasmus Initiative on the Dynamics of Inclusive Prosperity](https://www.eur.nl/en/research/erasmus-initiatives/dynamics-inclusive-prosperity/people)

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