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SEMINAR DESCRIPTION

In this presentation, we discuss the approaches and main findings of the edited volume, Corporate Accountability for Human Rights Violations. Civil Society and Transnational Actions Across the World (Springer 2025), edited by Raluca Grosescu and John G. Dale. The collection explores the role, limitations, and internal fragmentation of social activism for corporate accountability across Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe. By adopting an actor-focused perspective and examining their national and transnational activism, the collection provides an innovative perspective across three main themes: civil society and social movements as key drivers of corporate accountability efforts; the fragmentation of the global corporate accountability movement across ontological, ideological, regional, and professional lines; the Janus-faced paradigm of transnational activism for corporate accountability. The volume argues that corporate accountability coalitions are successful, especially when social actors form alliances across borders and professional sectors. Such transnational and intersectoral engagements create counter-hegemonic discourses against corporate impunity, push for more inclusive justice projects, and multiply spaces and ideas of accountability. Yet, civil society and social movements are fragmented over the meaning, scope, and tactics of corporate accountability due to different local, national and regional contexts, ideological variations regarding human rights and economic development, diverse professional understandings of accountability processes, and differential access to resources.