

YUACRI welcomes the York Community to our 2nd Panel on Responsible Investing entitled:

“Responsible Investing: A Multi-Perspective Discussion ”

Tuesday March 10, 2015

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Senate Chamber

A forum of three panelists with diverse backgrounds and viewpoints will consider the complexities and meaning of responsible investing.



Catherine Coumans, Ph.D.

Research Coordinator and Coordinator Asia-Pacific Program at MiningWatch Canada

As Research Coordinator for MiningWatch Canada, Catherine has coordinated and contributed to reports on a wide range of topics such as: full-cost accounting for mining, revitalizing economies of mining dependent communities, the role of the Socially Responsible Investment industry, Human Rights Impact Assessment, Submarine Tailings Disposal, Deep Sea Mining, participatory health assessment and participatory research with women in mining affected communities and with women mine workers. Her policy research and work is currently focussed on corporate accountability (standards, verification, certification systems, due diligence, judicial and non-judicial grievance mechanisms), mining and development, and home country legislative reform to assure access to justice for people who have been harmed by Canadian mining companies overseas.

Catherine has provided expert testimony on mining in two congressional inquiries in the Philippines (1999, 2001), before the Constitutional Court in Indonesian (2005), before the Parliamentary committees in Canada (Sub-Committee on Human Rights and Democratic

Development in Canada, 2005; Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Democratic Development, 2009, and in an Amici Brief for the Supreme Court of the United States (2008). In 2006 Catherine was asked by the Government of Canada to participate on an Advisory Group for the Canadian Government's National Roundtables on CSR and the Canadian Extractive Industry in Developing Countries. Catherine has participated in numerous Canadian government-led multi-stakeholder processes on mining. She sat on the Executive Committee of the multi-stakeholder Canadian Center for Excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility Extractive Resources (2009-2012).



Gus Van Harten, PhD

Gus Van Harten is a professor at Osgoode Hall Law School. Previously he was a faculty member at the LSE Law Department. He authored *Investment Treaty Arbitration and Public Law* (OUP, 2007) and *Sovereign Choices and Sovereign Constraints: Judicial Restraint in Investment Treaty Arbitration* (OUP, 2013), as well as numerous academic articles, primarily in international investment law. He has an open-access research site www.iiapp.org and new blog www.gusvanharten.wordpress.com on investor-state arbitration. Most of his academic articles are freely available <http://ssrn.com/author=638855>. He is presently the Law Commission of Ontario's scholar in residence at Osgoode Hall Law School, researching the relationship between investment treaties and regulatory change based on interviews with current and former government officials in Canada.



Kevin Skerrett is a Senior Research Officer in the Research Branch of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). He has spent most of his 20 years at CUPE assigned to pension issues ranging from collective bargaining to trustee support and public policy.

Kevin spent a year working as a Research Officer at the ILO's Bureau for Workers' Activities in 2009, and helped launch a new International Journal of Labour Research. While on sabbatical in 2013, he served as a Visiting Scholar at York University's Global Labour Research Centre. Kevin holds an M.A. in Political Economy from Carleton University.