

“Transnational Networked Authority”

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ABSTRACT

The emergence and increasing importance of private transnational legal structures in global governance presents a puzzle for legal theory. The notion of autonomous non-state law runs against the conventional understanding of legal authority, which is committed to the idea of the state as the ultimate locus of legal and political authority. The account given by transnational legal theorists of this phenomenon, which mirrors state-based constitutional theory by focusing on endogenous processes that take place within the boundaries of private transnational law (PTL) regimes does not seem satisfactory, because it disregards the network embeddedness of such regimes. The speaker proposes a new model for thinking about private transnational legal authority, which conceptualizes it as an emergent, network-based phenomenon. This thesis breaks a new ground for research in the field of transnational law. The speaker will elaborate the institutional conditions that underlie the emergence of PTL authority, drawing on ideas from network theory, complexity theory (emergence, synergy, and self-organization), and constitutional theory. He will illustrate the thesis through a multi-layered analysis of a large sample of corporate social responsibility codes.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



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