
2nd Symposium, University of Amsterdam, Room E0.15
December 10, 2018

Symposium Program

9:30h – Introduction by Sean Kenji Starrs and Jan Fichtner

- Matti Ylönen: Understanding corporate tax avoidance and corporate power: What can we learn from early evolutionary economists?

10:15h – Part I: What are the best methods for measuring increasing TNC power and understanding its relationship to the (liberal capitalist) state?

- Sarah Bauerle-Danzman & William Winecoff: Market Concentration, Transnational Corporate Networks, and Politically-Connected Firms


- Herman Mark Schwartz: American Hegemony: Intellectual property rights, dollar centrality and banking networks

- Responses & Counter-Responses

12:30-13:30h – Break

13:30h – Part II: Are TNCs increasingly supranational, or still national firms with transnational operations?
Jan Fichtner and Eelke Heemskerk: *The New Permanent Universal Owners: Index Funds, (Im)patient Capital, and the Claim of Long-termism*

Sean Starrs: *Corporate Power is Still a Function of National Power in the Age of Globalization*

Responses & Counter-Responses

15:00-15:30h – Break

15:30h – Part III: Is there a burgeoning transnational capitalist class in China, or is the single-party Chinese state still in control of Chinese capital?

- Nana de Graaff: *Mapping the Chinese Power Elite. Comparing the networks of Chinese leading business and political elites*

- Julian Gruin: *The new national champions: Chinese fintech and the politics of authoritarian financialization*

- Steve Rolf: *China: the political economy of authoritarian digital capitalism*

Responses & Counter-Responses

17:45h – Final Discussion