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## **The Evolution of Economic Power in the Age of Globalization: Three Major Debates on the Rise of Transnational Corporations**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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*
- Milan Babic (with Javier Garcia-Bernardo & Eelke Heemskerk): *The Rise of Transnational State Capital: State Ownership, Strategy and Power in the Global Economy*
- 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