

## **B. Proceedings**

### **Conference-Roundtable—Coronavirus and International Affairs: Program and Participants**

**Coalition for Peace & Ethics**

#### **Video Roundtable 17 April 2020**

9.30- 9.45 Introduction: Larry Catá Backer

9:45 – 11.00 A Focus on China: Sun Ping; Miaoqiang Dai; Sun Yuhua; Gao Shan; Alice Hong (each participant to present a 5-10 minute statement; followed by discussion)

11.00 – 12.30 A focus on Europe and North America (Maria Chiara Marullo; Nicolas Scholz; Flora Sapio; Keren Wang; Pini Miretski; Larry Catá Backer (each participant to present a 5-10 minute statement; followed by discussion)

In addition contributions by Yuri Gonzalez-Hernandez (Cuba and the Caribbean) and Bethany Salgado (MNEs and global supply chains, corporate responsibility and sustainability)

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## **Participants and Contributors**

The Conference/Roundtable brings together academics, practitioners, and civil society actors from China, the United States, Spain, Germany, Israel, and Italy, each bringing a unique national and regional perspective to the discussion of COVID-19 in its transnational effects. These effects are simultaneously local (manifesting in specifically contextual ways) and global, manifesting in tendencies to convergence in some respects of principles, practices, and outlook.

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Sun Ping is an Associate Researching Professor at the School of Law, East China University of Political Science and Law. Prof. Sun's research focuses on constitutional law, fundamental rights, right to privacy, data protection, and freedom of expression. His current research focuses on social credits and data protection, defamation law and free speech, human dignity and person in the constitutional law. He has published two books and dozens of articles, and was invited to have lectures about China's constitutional law at Columbia Law School, Penn State Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and Shanghai-NYU. From Oct. 2018 to July 2019, he was a U.S.-China Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the US-Asia Law Institute, NYU Law School.

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## **Pini Miretski**

Deputy Director, Planning and Program Development Division, JDC. Pini Miretski has over fifteen years of experience in an international humanitarian relief organization. In 2014, Pini received his PhD in International Law, which dealt with Transnational Corporations and Human Rights from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He has also undertaken concentrated training on nonprofit management at Columbia University, NY. Pini has several published articles on the role of non-State actors in international law and human rights. His academic interests focus on international legal theory and the role of nongovernmental actors in transnational law. At his

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