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Re-Globe Instant Seminar
Department of Legal Studies

Aula I Belmeloro, Edificio in Bo, Via Beniamino Andreatta 8, Bologna

Thursday, 21 November 2024

13:00-15:00

“Unpacking the Dutch Court of Appeal Ruling on Shell”

Introduction

Prof Elisa Baroncini (University of Bologna, Re-Globe Coordinator)

Moderator

Dr Susanna Villani (University of Bologna)

Roundtable Discussion

Andrea Cerofolini (University of Bologna)

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Dr Niccolò Lanzoni (University of Bologna)

Simon Töpfer (Löning – Human Rights & Responsible Business)

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Q&A Session

Conclusions

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Presentation of the Re-Globe Instant Seminar

On 12 November 2024, the Hague Court of Appeal delivered its much-anticipated ruling in the appeal of *Milieudefensie et al. v. Royal Dutch Shell* (“Shell”). This case involved Shell’s challenge to the influential 2021 decision by the District Court of The Hague, which had mandated the company to cut its global greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030, compared to 2019 levels. The original judgment was widely recognized as a pivotal moment, establishing a corporate duty to address climate change under Dutch tort law, shaped by international instruments such as the *UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights* and the *OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises*. This Re-Globe instant seminar provides an immediate reaction to the Court of Appeal judgment and discusses its wider significance for corporate climate accountability.



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