

"Progress or Peril? Partnerships and Networks in Global Environmental Governance. The Post-Johannesburg Agenda"

Book Presentation and Discussion

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5:30 pm – 7:30pm

at

Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung
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Panelists include:

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| <i>Maria Ivanova</i> | Director, Global Environmental Governance Project, Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy |
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| <i>Charlotte Streck</i> | Counsel for International and Environmental Law, The World Bank |
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Moderated by: ***Richard Tarasofsky***, Ecologic

The Global Public Policy Institute, with the support of the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation and the Hans-Böckler-Foundation has recently published a study on the role of public-private partnerships and networks in global environmental governance.

Partnerships are acclaimed by some to be the wave of the future for global environmental governance. Others however deride them as convenient means for industrialized countries to waive their commitments to sustainable development or for private corporations to "greenwash" their activities. Despite the controversy, partnerships were a central outcome of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg. Labeled officially as "Type-II outcomes," partnerships are meant to complement government action and thereby help address the growing "implementation gap" in global environmental governance. Yet, in the aftermath of Johannesburg, partnerships remain an elusive and highly contested phenomenon. The book "Progress or Peril?" speaks to that ongoing debate and pinpoints the challenges the partnership agenda faces. It combines essays from researchers and policymakers from all sectors – public, private, and civil society – who offer their analyses and viewpoints. With this book, the global public policy institute (GPPi) hopes to provide a balanced perspective on current discussions in the post-Johannesburg context.

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