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### **1. Establishment**

A Law and Development Research Network is hereby established.

### **2. Objective**

- 2.1 The LDRN seeks to enhance knowledge and understanding of the role of law, both domestic and international, in relation to development and governance, as perceived globally and locally, and is therefore concerned with the social functioning of legal systems primarily in the context of countries in the Global South. It envisages that the LDRN community will engage in fruitful discussions from both orthodox and critical perspectives on the role of law in development.
- 2.2 LDRN's main objective is to support and connect its members who are involved in academic research and teaching in the interdisciplinary and multi-level field of Law and Development (L&D).
- 2.3 Participants identifying themselves as working on Law and Development are welcomed. The network especially encourages research activities that focus on the connections between law and development, notably on ways legal systems, i.e. its rules, actors and processes, contribute to or undermine global development and social justice.

### **3. Activities**

The Law and Development Research Network seeks to develop the following activities:

- 3.1. The establishment and maintenance of an LDRN website, mailing list or other instrument of communication for the purpose of exchanging news from LDRN members and elsewhere about L&D research and teaching, publications, publication outlets, conferences, workshops, summer courses, Masters classes, jobs, scholarships...

- 3.2. The organisation of an Annual L&D Research Conference.
- 3.3. The organisation of an annual PhD school where affiliated and other senior scholars interact with PhD researchers who work on Law and Development.
- 3.4. The promotion of special issues of existing journals on L&D.
- 3.5. Joint initiatives to engage with policy-makers, practitioners and activists both to learn about their work as well as to strengthen the knowledge base of such policies, programs and activist actions from an independent academic position.

#### **4. Organisational form**

While the Network is an initiative of European Institutions, we welcome colleagues from across the globe, and especially from the Global South. We seek to ensure full participation of colleagues based in the Global South in Network activities.

- 4.1. LDRN has an informal nature. The network consists primarily of L&D researchers as individual members. In addition, there can be LDRN partner institutions, who are willing to take on certain responsibilities as an institution.
- 4.2 A partner institution should have at least three staff members who are involved in research on L&D, and should commit to organizing activities under the auspices of LDRN.
- 4.3 A steering committee will be formed, primarily consisting of members from partner institutions. The steering committee will make decisions about LDRN's main activities, as listed in section 3.

Signed by:



The Institute for Human Rights at Åbo Akademi University

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Research Group on Law and Development, University of Antwerp

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Universidad Austral, Escuela de Política, Gobierno y Relaciones Internacionales

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Law & Society Institute at the Law School of Humboldt University Berlin

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Centre for Law and Global Justice, Cardiff University

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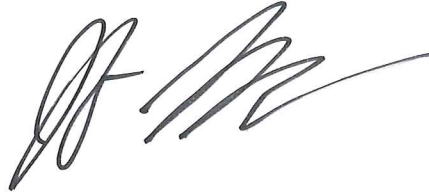
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School of Law, University of Warwick

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