The French Law on the Duty of Vigilance is at the Heart of the Conversation.

“Guidance is necessary in order to move forward in a coherent way”

This multi-stakeholder roundtable aims to explore the origin, the scope, and the current challenges of the French law on the Corporate Duty of Vigilance in advancing standards and principles on the social responsibility of organizations. How does French law contribute to the current international framework on corporate social responsibility - CSR (ISO 26000, OECD Responsible Business Conduct, European Union directives, among others)? What are the main advances in non-financial reporting and due diligence obligations? Could these legal innovations be "translated" to other jurisdictions? What are the main challenges? What lessons can be drawn for sustainable development? We also aim to explore the role of different French initiatives, such as “Les amis du Paragraphe 47” and the Cambourg Report on non-financial reporting.

The organizer of this panel, the Institut des Sciences Juridique et Philosophique de la Sorbonne - ISJPS (CNRS-University of Paris 1), a research institute, is producing groundbreaking interdisciplinary work on the contributions of the stakeholder approach to the CSR inter-normativity. The concept of inter-normativity can be
understood as encompassing different types of norms, standards, and principles, created and promoted by a range of distinctive institutions and actors, which interact at global, regional, and local levels. French law represents one of the layers of a complex CSR framework, and it will be examined by the members of this roundtable.

Speakers:

- Kathia Martin-Chenut, Senior Researcher, ISJPS (CNRS – University of Paris).
- Vivian Curran, Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh.
- Laurent Lhopitallier, President, Entreprises pour les Droits de l’homme (EDH).
- Irit Tamir, Director - Private Sector Department, Oxfam.

Moderator

- Camila Villard Duran, Professor of Law, University of São Paulo.