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It is inspiring to meet so many scholars and practitioners working on new forms of governance all over the world. In 2010 the Utrecht-Nijmegen Programme on Partnerships again made its modest contribution to the further development of partnership and governance theory and methodology.
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News

Another UNPOP member finished her PhD thesis

Great news for UNPOP! Another UNPOP researcher finished her PhD thesis. Verena Bitzer has analyzed the capacity of partnerships to promote sustainable change in global agricultural commodity chains, and reflects on partnerships from a governance perspective and a development perspective.
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Publications

Our latest publications deal with partnerships in global commodity chains and biodiversity, broader theoretical notions of partnered governance and business-NGO interactions. We also have a number of articles currently in the process of publication, which will be on our website shortly.
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Invited conferences

Our researchers continue communicating about partnerships to an international audience; for instance, at the following conferences and events...
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PhD research activities

'Shifting responsibilities: Implications of articulating human rights notions into multi-stakeholder initiatives. Participatory action research at Oxfam Novib' - new -

Researcher: Luli Pesqueira

During the first year of her research, Luli Pesqueira developed a project, together with a group of practitioners at Oxfam Novib, which studies how human rights notions are articulated in Oxfam Novib's work with the private sector.
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'The new role of private actors in environmental governance' - update -

Researcher: Greetje Schouten

In her current research project, Greetje Schouten uses an agency and a structure approach to identify the relative importance of these approaches in explaining the success or failure of two roundtables: the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and the Round Table on Responsible Soy (RTRS).
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'Intersectoral partnerships in global commodity chains' - update -

Researcher: Verena Bitzer

In her latest research project, Verena Bitzer studied 55 partnerships in the global cocoa sector in order to analyze the linkages between them, their evolution over time, as well as the simultaneous occurrence of cooperation and competition.
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