



**Dear colleagues,**

Welcome to the seventh newsletter of UNPOP, the Utrecht-Nijmegen Programme on Partnerships. This newsletter will update you on our progress of the last year and inform you on the current state of our research projects, as well as our most recent publications and activities.

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**Prof. dr. Pieter Glasbergen, Chair of the programme**

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### **News**

#### **Pieter Glasbergen's public retirement lecture**

On September 21, 2011 Pieter Glasbergen gave his public retirement lecture on 'Green Political Spaces: Public and Private Responsibilities for Sustainable Development'.

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#### **Publications**

UNPOP produced many new publications since the last Newsletter. The subjects of our latest publications include mechanisms of private meta-governance, creating legitimacy in global private governance, partnering to facilitate smallholder inclusion in value chains, and many more.

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### **PhD research activities**

#### **'The new role of private actors in transnational governance'**

Researcher: Greetje Schouten

Greetje is currently in the process of finalizing two research projects on Roundtables; one on their legitimization processes and another on their deliberative capacity. Both projects take the RSPO and the RTRS as case studies.

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#### **'Shifting responsibilities: Implications of articulating human rights notions into multi-stakeholder initiatives'**

Researcher: Luli Pesqueira

During the second year of her Phd, Luli continued working closely with Oxfam Novib. The first part of her project analyzes the experiences of Oxfam's intervention in the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil.

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#### **'Making both ends meet: On sustainable development governance strategies in global supply chains'**

Researcher: Claribel Müller and Peter Ras

The objective of this thesis is to better understand South African export related agriculture, specifically with regards to the table grape industry.

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