The Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Center at the University of Houston Law Center & the UH AIPN Student Chapter present:

The Community Consent Index
Oxfam America's Report on Extractive Companies' Public Positions on Local Community Consent to Projects

Tuesday, February 12, 2013
5:00 to 6:00 pm, reception following
Hendricks Heritage Room (2d floor, Teaching Unit II) University of Houston Law Center
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Emily Greenspan and Marianne Voss will present an overview of findings from Oxfam America's Community Consent Index, a report on the public commitments, policies and procedures of major oil, gas and mining companies related to free, prior and informed community consent and the social license to operate.
Discussion by audience members is welcome--from law and business students, industry representatives and practitioners.

The report is available on Oxfam America’s website and can be downloaded here<http://www.oxfamamerica.org/publications/community-consent-index/>.

**Speaker bios:**

**Emily Greenspan**, Emily Greenspan is a Senior Policy and Advocacy Advisor with Oxfam America’s extractive industries team based in Washington, DC. She is the co-author, with Marianne Voss, of the research paper on the *Community Consent Index* (2012); the author of Oxfam America's *Watching the Watchdogs: Evaluating Independent Expert Panels that Monitor Oil and Gas Pipeline Projects* (2011); and contributor to Oxfam America, World Resources Institute, and Bank Information Center’s *People, Power, and Pipelines: Lessons from Peru* in the governance of gas production revenues. Prior to joining Oxfam America, Emily worked with WWF-Peru on issues pertaining to hydrocarbons, forestry, and indigenous peoples and with the Pan American Development Foundation on a civil society strengthening program. Emily has conducted research on consultation and community engagement around extractive industry projects, including for her master’s degree in public policy, which she received from Harvard University. She has a BA in anthropology and English literature from the University of Virginia.

**Marianne Voss** is a Senior Advisor with Oxfam America’s private sector team based in Boston, MA. She is the co-author of the *Community Consent Index* Report. Marianne offers more than 10 years’ experience in human rights, development, law and corporate responsibility across multi-national for-profit, non-profit and academic sectors. She works to strengthen Oxfam’s relationship with private sector actors related to Oxfam’s programmatic and policy priorities. Prior to Oxfam, Marianne was the Executive Director of the Fair Factories Clearinghouse, the Head of Operations for Social & Environmental Affairs at the Adidas Group, and the Director of Human Rights Programs at Reebok International. Marianne has also taught business and human Rights courses at Bentley College. She is a graduate of Boston University School of Law and holds a Master's Degree in Public International Law and Human Rights from the Fletcher School at Tufts University.