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Moral Division of Labor in Global Perspective

From the perspective of the liberal democratic conception of justice, there are serious shortcomings in global economy. The basic human rights do not realize in the lives of many people, the life prospects of a substantial number of humans are nailed down already in their birth and the realization of the aims of economic fairness and sustainability seem to slip out of hands. At the same time, the multinational corporations are often seen as the most central actors in the global economy to whom the traditional powers and responsibilities of the state are more and more changed-over. Thus, in the globally emerging division of moral labor, there seems to be a new political position for the multinational corporations and civil society actors involving more extensive responsibility over the basic (civil, political and social) rights of citizens. In the discussions of business ethics and corporate responsibility, this new political role of corporations is often called as extended corporate citizenship. In this paper, I ask, whether the multinational corporations taking over the responsibilities of extended corporate citizenship are supporting a liberal conception of justice or some other political agenda?