

# The Multilevel Regulation Manifesto

Our motto: “ADR for the 99%!”

## Who are the 1%?

As noted, contemporary multilevel regulation is still centred on states, on elites, on technocrats, and what is more, these are mostly Western states, Western elites, and Western technocrats.

But for the majority of the world's population, for students and practitioners, those regulatory orders and technocratic rules that we think about, that we practice, and that we prepare students for are not the rule, they are the exception, the 1%!

We don't see ADR as an alternative to the current solutions, rather we see it as a tool that is inherent in our contemporary society, education, and public and professional fields. So far, ADR has been studied and practiced mostly by the 1% of those who were lucky to get into the ADR field. **We focus on the “missing” 99%!**

## What do we mean by that?

We mean the 99% in the sense of a protest against the dominant study of contemporary multilevel regulation originating in Western states and the need to speak to the vast majority of those who are excluded. Here, we work with students, lecturers, professionals, and citizens from different fields and levels of expertise (including layman) to increase the diversity of contemporary multilevel regulation through the study of ADR.

We mean the 99% as the missing “practical” part of contemporary multilevel regulation. Here, we investigate whether, and if so, how, ADR can serve as a model for collaborative practices in contemporary multilevel regulation.

Finally, we mean the 99% as the missing “social” part of contemporary multilevel regulation. By studying the history of ADR practices and the social values lying at the core of those practices we want to reconnect the contemporary multilevel regulation with social values offering tools for contemporary social and socio-political problems.