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## Call for Abstracts

We are launching a call for abstract proposals for chapters to be included in a collective book based on the topics discussed at the [international climate law conference](#) organized by the Centre for Climate Law and Sustainability Studies of the Institute of State and Law CAS ([CLASS](#)) on 30–31 May 2024, in Prague, Czech Republic,

with the theme

### Shaping Climate Law: Dynamic Roles of State and Non-State Actors.

The book aims to explore the different roles of actors in climate law, reflecting on their different nature, forms of engagement, stages, and impacts. We invite abstracts related to one of the research themes below:

#### 1. The Role of States Internationally

This theme focuses on the ‘making’, interpretation, and enforcement of the international climate regime in terms of the development of international law, in which the states are the main actors. Climate ambitions, global inequalities, NDCs or the role of international and regional organisations as climate actors can also be addressed.

#### 2. The Role of Governments Domestically

This theme focuses on the design and development of climate action at the national level, including how national climate laws work, how different levels of governance and institutions can be involved in climate action and a just transition, and the role of cities and regions.

#### 3. The Role of Individuals and Civil Society

This theme explores different forms of civil society involvement in shaping climate law, from formal engagement in public participation processes or climate assemblies to activism and civil disobedience. Cross-cutting themes on individuals as consumers or voters in relation to the law are also welcome, as well as the rights of children, and future generations, and their participation.

#### 4. The Role of Business

Contributions under this theme are encouraged to address the role of business as a non-state actor in climate action and rule-making; the business transition to net-zero, including supply chains and different sectors; the climate dimension of corporate responsibility; the role of climate finance, trade and investment in shaping climate governance, including carbon offsetting, and voluntary and mandatory climate reporting by business.

#### 5. The Role of Courts

This theme focuses on climate litigation, its growing trend in different forms, in different fora, against different actors and with different objectives.

### Our plans:

We want to submit the book proposal to a quality publisher, such as Routledge, Cambridge, Hart or Elgar, whose book proposal requirements we have consulted. In order to prepare a strong book plan that is likely to be successful with a publisher, we need well-thought-out and well-developed chapter abstracts. That is why we put a lot of emphasis on the abstract preparation stage and provide detailed requirements. Only after the agreement with the publishing house will the selected chapter proposals proceed to the actual writing stage. Our editorial team is ready and willing to guide the whole process and work it carefully, but we reserve the right to select chapters and ask authors to make changes or additions. Based on negotiations with the publishing house, we also reserve the right to make an additional decision not to include a chapter proposal whose abstract was accepted at a previous stage.

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At our conference in Prague in May, diverse groups of participants from all continents and backgrounds were represented. For our book too, we encourage the participation of all interested authors regardless of their age, disability, gender, race, ethnic or national origin, orientation, religion etc., to promote diversity and inclusion, as this is also in line with the policies of all publishing houses consulted.

### Preparing your abstract:

Please include the following information in the document containing your abstract:

- your name and affiliation, position in your institution,
- the planned title of your chapter,
- short explanation of the relevance of your chapter for and its planned contribution to the conference theme(s),
- an abstract of 250–500 words explaining what topic the chapter will address, what its purpose will be or what research question it will address and from what perspective, and how it will be structured, including planned main subheadings.

Please try to address all of these issues adequately in the abstract, rather than writing an 'introduction to the topic'. If you were a speaker at our conference, we expect your chapter to cover your topic in more detail than your 15-minute conference presentation, where you probably only had to select certain points. We assume that you have not already published your paper elsewhere.

### Time plan:

Please send your chapter abstract proposal as a word document (not pdf) **by the end of July 2024** to [hana.mullerova@ilaw.cas.cz](mailto:hana.mullerova@ilaw.cas.cz).

Authors will be notified in September whether or not their abstract is suitable for inclusion in the book proposal.

### Other important notes:

**Open access.** Please note that our Centre unfortunately does not have the financial means to make the whole book as open access, and the rules of our current project do not require open access. If authors require open access chapters, they are expected to pay for this type of publication themselves.

**Generative IA tools.** Please note that the publishing houses may have strict rules or prohibitions on the use of Generative AI tools such as ChatGPT, Google Gemini, or Claude to generate substantive content and we do not recommend their use. The final written text should be the author's own, reflecting their own ideas, arguments, and conclusions.

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