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International conference Shaping Climate Law:

Dynamic Roles of State and Non-State Actors

Prague 30th - 31st of May, 2024

Czech Academy of Sciences, Národní 3, Praha 1 / Hall 205 and 206 (2nd floor)

Thursday 30 th of May, 2024				
9:00 - 9:30	Conference welcome, registration, morning coffee			
9:30-10:00	OPENING SESSION: Hall 206			
	Petr Hladík (Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic) Welcome Speech (video)			
	Hana Müllerová (Head of CLASS – Institute of State and Law, Czech Academy of Sciences) Shaping Climate Law: A Short Introduction			
10:00–12:00	KEYNOTE SESSION: Hall 206			
	Laurence Boisson De Chazournes (University of Geneva) Requests for advisory opinions to the ICJ: climate change as a factor of change?			
	Annalisa Savaresi (Center for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law at the University of Eastern Finland; University of Stirling) Shaping Climate Governance: Perspectives from the European Court of Human Rights			
	Moritz Reese (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research) The EU's 'Climate Policy Planning Law' and its Implementation accross Levels and Sectors			
	Discussion			
	Taking group photo of the conference participants (on the staircase)			
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break			
13:00 – 14:30	SESSION 1, Hall 206	SESSION 2, Hall 205		
	Chair: Pavel Šturma (Institute of State and Law, Czech Academy of Sciences; Faculty of Law, Charles University; Member of the UN International Law Commission; President of the Czech Society of International Law)	Chair: Hana Müllerová (Head of CLASS – Institute of State and Law, Czech Academy of Sciences)		
	The future of the SDGs: A Comparative Constitutional Rescue Plan? Oliver Ruppel (Research Center for Climate Law – ClimLaw: Graz; Stellenbosch University, South Africa)	Democracy in Action: How Citizen Climate Assemblies are Shaking Up Climate Policy Larissa Jane H. Houston (Research Center for Climate Law – ClimLaw: Graz)		

	Rethinking Borders and Statehood as a Part of Climate Law Shaping: Evaluating the Status of Small Island States Facing Sea-Level Rise Renê Dióz Rodrigues (Geneva Graduate Institute)	An Innovative Approach for International Environmental Law: The Critical Role Played by Civil Society in Tackling Climate Change Xavier de Oliver Eneás (Université de Montréal)	
	Climate Laws: Testing Inclusiveness And Comprehensiveness through a Comparative Analysis Heloisa Oliveira (University of Lisbon School of Law)	The Obligation to Promote Procedural Environmental Rights within the UNFCCC: What Are the Practical Requirements of Article 3.7 of the Aarhus Convention? Nicola Sharman (University of Eastern Finland)	
	States' Practice in Sharing Groundwater Resources: International Law Development in the Light of Climate Change Markéta Gregorová (Charles University, Prague)	Navigating the Legal Landscape: The Role of Courts in Shaping Climate Adaptation through Development Permit Litigation Elif Naz Němec (Institute of International Relations Prague, Charles University, Prague)	
	Discussion	Discussion	
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break		
15:00 – 16:30	SESSION 3, Hall 206	SESSION 4, Hall 205	
	Chair: Kateřina Mitkidis (Aarhus University)	Chair: Veronika Tomoszková (Faculty of Law, Palacký University in Olomouc)	
	Can Interventions in Corporate Governance Rules Facilitate the Achievement of Sustainability? Lucie Josková (Charles University, Prague)	The Rights of Future Generations in the Context of Climate Change: Best Practices and Development Directions Enikő Krajnyák (University of Miskolc, Hungary)	
	Hybrid Regulation towards a Low-Carbon Economy: Theoretical and Practical Lessons from Emissions Reduction Alberta Temitope Onifade (University of Bristol and University of British Columbia)	Defending Our Future: European Human Rights and the Protection of Children and Future Generations in Climate Litigation Paulina Rundel (University Vienna)	
	Institutionalising Green Finance without Sacrificing Financial Stability Chiara Treglia (Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli)	Triggering Climate Change Obligations through Indigenous Rights Claims – An Alternative Perspective on Advancing International Environmental Law Katharina Neumann (University of Oxford)	
	Transnational Methane Initiatives: Shaping International Law on Methane? Veera Pekkarinen (University of Eastern Finland)	Stakeholder Influence in the Design of National Carbon Taxes: A Comparative Study of Ireland and South Africa Jeanne Magnetti (Dublin City University)	
	Discussion	Discussion	
16:30	Closing of the 1st day of the conference		
18:30	Conference dinner Café Louvre, Narodni 22, Prague 1 (350 m from the conference location, see the section Conference Venues below)		

Friday 31 st of May, 2024				
8:30 - 9:00	Conference welcome, registration, morning coffee			
9:00-9:30	SPECIAL GUEST SESSION: Hall 206 Bedřich Moldan (Czech environmentalist and politician, former minister of the environment, former Chairman of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development) Governance of Global Common Goods in the Era of Anthropocene			
	Discussion			
9:30-10:45	SESSION 5, Hall 206	SESSION 6, Hall 205		
	Chair: Matteo Fermeglia (Amsterdam University)	Chair: Prof. Elisa Baroncini (University of Bologna)		
	Civil Courts in the Anthropocene David Markworth (Institute of Labour and Business Law, University of Cologne)	Climate Litigation at the WTO: Shaping Climate Law Through Judicial Interpretation Michelle Zang (Victoria University of Wellington)		
	Towards Taxonomy: Evaluating the Legal Impacts of Climate Adjudication Nicholas Young (University of Oxford)	General and Environmental Exceptions in International Investment Agreements: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back Aditi Pandey (USI Università della Svizzera Italiana, University of Lugano)		
	Strategic Climate Change Litigation: A Pathway to Wider Policy Implementation Sebastian Salzmann (Humboldt University of Berlin)	State Responsibility for Polluting the Space with Space Debris: A Critical Analysis Ivneet Kaur Walia (Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law)		
	Discussion	Discussion		
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break			
11:15 – 13:00	SESSION 7, Hall 206	SESSION 8, Hall 205		
	Chair: Eva Balounová (CLASS – Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences)	Chair: Klára Poláčková van der Ploeg (University of Nottingham)		
	Revisiting the Plaumann Criteria in the Face of the Climate Emergency Bettina Steible (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)	Exploring the Impact of the EU's Latest Corporate Sustainability Legislation – CSRD and CSDDD – on Leveraging Supply Chain Contracts for Climate Change Mitigation Kateřina Mitkidis (Aarhus University)		
	The ECJ's Role in Climate Litigation: Room for Improvement? Clara Labus (Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli)	"The Show Must Be Green": Hosting Mega- Sporting Events as a Climate Governance Tool Matteo Fermeglia (Amsterdam University)		
	Challenges of Climate Litigation – No Rose Without a Thorn Nilay Arat (Kadir Has University)	The EU Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence: Which Implications for Environmental Protection in African Least Developed Countries? Francesca Mussi (University of Trento)		
	Courts as Climate Guardians: Unlocking Judicial Power in Climate Change Litigation Grazia Eleonora Vita (University of Bologna)	Corporate Vigilance Obligation: A Tool for Advancing Climate Action Suhendan Goksal (University of Strasbourg)		
	Supreme Courts and the Future of Climate Policies: The Role of Aligning National Goals with International Commitments Silvia Fregoni (University of California, Berkeley)			
	Discussion	Discussion		

13:00-14:00	Lunch Break		
14:00-15:30	SESSION 9, Hall 206	SESSION 10, Hall 205	
	Chair: Larissa Jane H. Houston (Research Center for Climate Law – ClimLaw: Graz)	Chair: Monika Feigerlová (CLASS – Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences)	
	Exploring the Potential of Rights-Based Climate Litigation in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Case Study of the Inter-American Court on Human Rights Cristian H. Ligorria (University of the West of England)	The Open Road to Net-Zero: Navigating Climate Litigation Esmeralda Colombo (CMCC-EIEE)	
	Courts as Catalysts; Strategic Litigation for Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region Margaret Wagana (Courts of Judicature, Kampala, Uganda)	Implementing Climate Law: Government and Businesses Driving Renewable Energy Development in Europe and France Mei-Line Le Goueff (Université de Sorbonne Paris Nord)	
	Japan's Climate Change Litigation: The Role of Lawyers and the Courts Hitoshi Ushijima (Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan)	Civil Liability Climate Litigation and Corporate Accountability: Towards a Corporate Duty to Mitigate Climate Change? Calum MacLaren (University College Dublin)	
	Environmental NGOs' climate court cases in Northern countries Terhi Raikas (University of Vaasa, Finland)	Facilitating the EU's Clean Energy Transition by Mitigating Public Value Conflicts using Principles of Energy Justice Shakya A. Wickramanayake (Tilburg Institute of Law, Technology and Society)	
	Discussion	Discussion	
15:30	Closing of 2 nd day of the conference		

SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF KEYNOTES

Laurence Boisson de Chazournes

Laurence Boisson de Chazournes is a Professor at the University of Geneva and has been a Visiting Professor in numerous universities. She is the Director of the Geneva LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS).

She is an experienced arbitrator who regularly sits for various international arbitration bodies, such as the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). In addition, she was a member of the CAS ad hoc Division during the PyeongChang Olympic Games. Moreover, she served as a chairperson for WTO arbitration panels on pre-shipment inspections.

Laurence Boisson de Chazournes frequently acts as Advocate and Counsel before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) and other dispute settlement fora. She has authored and edited thirty-three books and has written over 270 articles and contributions to collective books.

The list of her publications can be accessed through the following hyperlink:

https://www.unige.ch/droit/collaborateur/professeurs/boisson-de-chazournes-laurence/publications/

Annalisa Savaresi

Annalisa Savaresi is an experienced environmental lawyer with a 20-year track record working with international and non-governmental organizations. She holds the positions of Professor of Environmental Law at the University of Stirling, UK and Professor of International Environmental Law at the Centre for Climate Change, Energy, University of Eastern Finland. Annalisa's academic portfolio comprises more than 50 peer-reviewed articles and contributions to well-regarded collections, enjoying widespread citations, including by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In addition to her academic work, Annalisa serves as the Director for Europe within the Global Network on Human Rights and the Environment. She also holds the role of Associate Editor at the Review of European, Comparative, and International Law and is a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law. Annalisa is actively engaged in providing evidence to legislative bodies, including the UK, EU, and Scottish Parliaments. She further sits on the Board of Environmental Standards Scotland, a body established under the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, which oversees the compliance of Scottish public authorities with environmental law.

Moritz Reese

Dr. Moritz Reese is Head of the Department of Environmental and Planning Law at the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ) in Leipzig, Germany. He is also a lecturer in environmental law at the Faculty of Law at Leipzig University and at the Faculty of Law at Freie Universität Berlin. His areas of research include European and national environmental law with a focus on water management, circular economy, climate adaptation, nature conservation and urban planning. He also researches the foundations of environmental law and overarching legal aspects of the sustainability transformation. Moritz is also Chair of the European Environmental Law Form (EELF) and co-editor of the Journal for European Environmental & Planning Law (JEEPL).

Bedřich Moldan

Prof. RNDr. Bedřich Moldan, CSc., dr.h.c. is a Czech geochemist, ecologist, publicist and politician, who played a significant role in the development of the Czech environmental protection and regulation after the so-call Velvet revolution in November 1989. He is considered one of the most important representatives of the Czechoslovak and Czech environmental thinking. He is a world-renowned expert in the field of analytical chemistry, biochemistry and the environment. His extensive pedagogical, journalistic, organizational, political and diplomatic activities have profoundly influenced several generations of environmentalists, and he was instrumental in establishing the legal system of environmental protection in our country.1 He was the first ever Czechoslovak (and Czech) Minister of the Environment. He founded and until 2014 headed the Charles University Environment Centre, since 2014 he has been its deputy director. In 2023, the President of the Czech Republic awarded him the Medal of Merit, which is awarded to persons who have made outstanding contributions in the fields of economics, science, technology, culture, art, sport, education, defence, state or public security.

SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF CHAIRS

Pavel Šturma

Pavel Šturma is a Full Professor of International Law, Charles University, Faculty of Law, coordinator of the Research Centre for Human Rights, and senior research fellow at the Institute of Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences. He was member and former chairperson of the UN International Law Commission (2012-2022). He is member of the Czech national group at the Permanent Court of Arbitration and judge ad hoc of the European Court of Human Rights. Member of the panel assisting the European Commission in the selection of candidates to perform the duties of members of international investment courts and tribunals. He also serves as President of the Czech Society of International Law and Editor-in-Chief of the Czech Yearbook of Public & Private International Law.

Monika Feigerlová

Monika Feigerlová works as a Research Associate at the Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences and the Centre for Climate Law and Sustainability Studies. She was admitted to the Czech Bar Association and practices law in Prague. She also supervises an LL.M. course on Transnational Corporations: Rights and Duties at the Charles University in Prague. She is a member of the Committee for Doctoral Studies at the Charles University, a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law and its Climate Change Law Specialist Group, and an Executive member of the Czech Society for International Law. Her research focuses on transnational corporations, international investment law, private international law, dispute resolution, and climate change law.

Dr Klara Polackova Van der Ploeg

Dr Klara Polackova Van der Ploeg is Assistant Professor at the University of Nottingham School of Law, specializing in international law and international dispute settlement. She is the Head of the Business, Trade and Human Rights Unit of the Human Rights Law Centre and a member of the Nottingham International Law and Security Centre and the University of Nottingham Commercial Law Centre. Dr Van der Ploeg's work focuses on transformations of international law with respect to collective non-state entities; international legal regulation and dispute settlement of global coordination problems; interface between private law and international law; international investment law; business and human rights; and international law in domestic courts. Her research includes both basic theoretical and empirical research and policy-oriented work.

Eva Balounová

Eva Balounová is an associate scholar at the Centre for Climate Law and Sustainability Studies at the Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences, where she focuses on international and European climate change law. Her interest lies especially in climate litigation and legal protection of environmental defenders. In 2019, Eva earned her Ph.D. from the Charles University in Prague. She also holds an LL.M. in Natural Resources Law and International Environmental Law (University of Iceland).

Veronika Tomoszková

Veronika Tomoszkova is an Assistant Professor of Environmental Law at the Palacky University in Olomouc, Faculty of Law. She received her Master of Law Degree from the Palacky University in Olomouc (2003), her J.D. from the Westbohemian University (2005) and her Ph.D. from the Charles University in Prague (2008). She also holds B.A. in Sports Management and Coaching from the Palacky University in Olomouc, Faculty of Physical Culture (2009). Her research interests include environmental planning, environmental impact assessment, and access to information, intersection of environmental rights and human rights, and land use planning in the Czech Republic, EU and in wider comparative context. She teaches various environmental law courses in both Czech and English.

Elisa Baroncini

Elisa Baroncini, PhD in EU Law, is Full Professor of International Law at the University of Bologna, where she currently teaches International Economic Law and International Law on Sustainable Development. For ten years (2012-2022) Elisa was Co-Chair of the ESIL IG on International Economic Law; in 2019 she co-founded and is now Coordinator of the Interest Group on International Economic Law of the Italian Society of International Law (DIEcon); and in December 2023, she has been elected as Member of the Executive Council of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL). She has been Visiting Professor at the China-EU School of Law, speaker and organizer of many international conferences, Visiting Researcher at the European University Institute. Elisa coordinates and participates in international and national research projects. She has been awarded the Jean Monnet Module "Re-Globe - Reforming the Global Economic Governance: The EU for SDGs in International Economic Law" and she has been the Coordinator of two UNA Europa Seeds Research Projects: "WHC@50 - Forever Young: Celebrating 50 Years of the World Heritage Convention";

and "ImprovEUorGlobe - The UN 2030 Agenda in the EU Trade Policy: Improving Global Governance for a Sustainable New World". Member of the "Centro Interuniversitario sul Diritto delle Organizzazioni Internazionali Economiche" (CIDOIE), Elisa has also been part of the Promoting Committee of the University of Bologna to honour the 1972 UNESCO Convention, and Member of the Scientific Committee of the Institute of Advances Studies (ISA) of the University of Bologna. In June 2022 she has been appointed by the European Commission TSD Expert for the dispute settlement mechanisms of the new generation of EU free trade agreements. In May 2023, Elisa Baroncini has been appointed Independent Non-executive Director of the Board of Eni S.p.A. She is also Member of the Editorial Board of "The Journal of World Investment & Trade" and the Editorial Board - Section of Bologna of "Diritto del commercio internazionale". Elisa publishes extensively mainly in English and Italian, and her main fields of research include: the reform process of the WTO dispute settlement mechanism; the relation between free trade and non-trade values; transparency and civil society in international economic law; the new generation of EU FTAs and their enforcement; the participation of the European Parliament and the Commission in the EU treaty-making power; the relation between free trade and investment protection and cultural heritage protection; EU and international energy law.

SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

Arat Nilav

Nilay Arat graduated from Istanbul University School of Law in 1999. She gained her LL.M. degree in "International and Comparative Law" from Tulane Law School (2002) and got her Ph.D. degree in Public Law (2009) from Istanbul University. She worked as a teaching and research assistant at the Istanbul University, and now is working as a full professor at the Kadir Has University. She conducted research at George Washington University, Oxford University, MPI, Institut Suisse de Droit Comparé and Edinburgh Law School and thought at the Academy of the EPLO, ELGS and has experience in teaching in several universities in Europe. The main areas of research of Dr. Arat includes Administrative Law, Human Rights Law, Climate Change and Sustainability, Liability Law, Arbitration.

Colombo Esmeralda

Esmeralda Colombo is the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellow at EIEE, in Milan, where she leads her EU-funded project on renewable energy storage, RE-DESIGN. Since September 2023, she is also the Policy and Public Funding Manager for renewable energy investor and developer Smartenergy Italy Srl. Quoted by the IPCC in 2022, her scientific work spans climate-related financial risk, climate and energy justice, effective policy design, and political sciences. Twice a Fulbrighter, she is admitted to the lawyers' bars in Italy and New York State (JD from the Catholic University of Milan; LL.M. from the College of Europe and Columbia Law; PhD from the University of Bergen, Norway; Certificate on Financing and Deploying Clean Energy from Yale University).

Eneás Xavier de Oliver

Enéas Xavier de Oliveira Junior holds a BA and a Master of Laws from the Methodist University of Piracicaba in Brazil. Environmental lawyer with fifteen years of expertise working for non-governmental organizations in participatory democracy. Researcher at LACLIMA (Latin American Climate Lawyers Initiative for Mobilizing Action), responsible for monitoring negotiations and climate commitments in the Conferences of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement. A PhD candidate in law at the Université de Montréal, his research thesis deals with the participation of civil society in United Nations conferences on climate change.

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Matteo Fermeglia is Assistant Professor in Climate Change Law and Governance at Amsterdam University, Faculty of Humanities. In 2017, he was Visiting Scholar at Columbia Law School, collaborating with the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law and the Columbia Center for Sustainable Investment.

Fregoni Silvia

Silvia Fregoni is a JSD candidate at UC Berkeley School of Law, recipient of the Lloyd M. Robbins Fellowship in 2021, the Miller-ASIL Fellowship in 2022, and the Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellowship in 2023. Fregoni's research focuses on corporate law, law and economics, and international law. She has a particular interest in applying social science and quantitative research methods to explore a variety of topics in these areas, such as the intersection of corporate law and environmental, social, and governance aspects (ESG), which is the focus of her doctoral thesis. Fregoni has also studied the growing litigation on climate change.

Göksal Sühendan

Sühendan Göksal completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Ankara (Turkey) in 2015. Following that, she pursued a master's degree in environmental law at the University of Strasbourg, where she had the opportunity to write a thesis comparing the legal frameworks in both French and Turkish law. She is currently pursuing her PhD at the University of Strasbourg in environmental law. Her research primarily centers around civil liability for environmental damage under French law, with a specific focus on its prevention. This interest leads her to delve into ecological damage and due diligence obligation.

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Markéta Gregorová is a Ph.D. student at the Environmental Law Department of the Faculty of Law at Charles University in Prague. Her research focuses on sharing transboundary freshwater resources between States and challenges brought by climate change to the international water law. Her master's thesis on Water Conflict Resolution in International Law was awarded Josef Vavrouška's Prize for students' thesis on sustainable development and related topics in 2023. She succeeded with the same thesis in the competition Czech Envi Thesis for students' thesis on environmental matters in 2022.

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Larissa Jane Houston LLM is a final year doctoral researcher at the Research Center for Climate Law (ClimLaw: Graz), University of Graz. She works as a project manager and researcher specialising in project proposals and research relating to various climate and energy related overlaps, such as public participation as a means of deliberative democracy in climate and energy decision making; just decarbonisation; energy communities; and global north-south energy transition. She also works as an energy community researcher on the ProTECTO(Law) project at the Department of Public, International and European Union Law, University of Padova.

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Lucie Josková is a graduate of the Faculty of Law of Charles University (Ph.D.) and the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LL.M.) She works as an assistant professor at the Department of Commercial Law at the Faculty of Law of Charles University. In addition to educating students, she is engaged in publishing activities and provides educational courses for the public. Her key areas of interest include the position of a member of an elected body of a business company, ESG issues, liquidation of business companies and trusts.

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Labus Clara

Clara Labus is a first-year PhD student in Law and Business at LUISS Guido Carli in Rome (XXXIX cycle). She works on a research project called "European Climate Change Litigation Today and Tomorrow: Trends and Perspectives" (working title). Her supervisors are Prof. Daniele Gallo and Prof. Robert Schütze. In addition, she just finished her LLM in European Law and Policies (MELP) at LUISS with a final grade of "110 e lode" (highest mark, with distinction) with a thesis titled "Direct Effect (or Lack Thereof) of International Agreements in the EU Legal Order: The ECJ as the Ultimate 'Gatekeeper' for the Internal Market?" In 2022, she completed her law degree with distinction at Goethe-Universität in Frankfurt, where she specialized in Europeanization and Internationalization of Law.

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Markworth David

David Markworth is a senior academic researcher and PostDoc with habilitation (Privatdozent) at the Institute for Labour and Business Law, University of Cologne, Germany. He earned is habilitation and doctoral degree from the University of Cologne. Before that, he studied law at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg im Breisgau, followed by an MSc in Law and Finance from the University of Oxford, Wolfson College. In 2020, he received the prestigious Hans Kelsen Prize for Young Researchers. In his research, he focuses on new pathways to improve the access to justice by exploring the interconnection between civil justice system, legal services markets, and consumer law.

Mitkidis Kateřina

Kateřina Mitkidis is associate professor at the Department of Law, Aarhus University, Denmark. Kateřina is interested in the ways law and legal tools are designed and used to steer behaviour in socially and environmentally sound and responsible direction. Her research particularly focuses on the practice of using typically private law tools, such as contracts, to advance public interests. She has published, contributed to, and co-edited books and academic articles on this topic, including Sustainability Clauses in International Business Contracts (Eleven International Publishing 2015) and Law and Responsible Supply Chain Management: Contract and Tort Interplay and Overlap (Routledge 2019).

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Elif Naz Němec is an associate researcher at the Centre for International Law of the Institute of International Relations. She studied Law at the Faculty of Law at Galatasaray University (B.A), Istanbul, Turkey, and she holds an LL.M degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a master's degree in public law from Istanbul Gedik University. She is a second year PhD candidate at the Faculty of Law of Charles University, under the Department of Environmental Law. Her research focuses on climate law, particularly on the legal protection of vulnerable populations in the face of climate crisis and their adaptation to climate change.

Neumann Katharina

Katharina Neumann is a first-year DPhil in Law candidate at the University of Oxford where she is researching the regulation of agricultural emissions under international environmental law with a focus on the international climate change regime. She is also currently working as a research fellow for the Climate Litigation Network. Her research interests lie in the international climate change regime as well as climate change litigation as an implementation tool for national and international commitments. She holds an LL.B in Law and Political Science from Trinity College Dublin and a BCL from the University of Oxford.

Oliveira Heloísa

Heloísa Oliveira holds a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Lisbon School of Law, with a thesis on environmental responsibility, where she is also a Guest Assistant Professor. She serves as a Research Fellow at the Lisbon Public Law Research Centre, where she coordinates the Lisbon Environmental Law Cluster and acts as the principal researcher for the projects Climate Litigation Observatory and Legal Roadmap for Sustainability. She has authored 1 book, published 9 articles, and contributed 16 book chapters. Furthermore, she has co-edited 1 special journal issue and 4 books. She has presented 40 oral communications at scientific conferences.

Onifade Temitope

Temitope Onifade is a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) and the Director of the Master of Research in Sustainable Futures at the University of Bristol and a Pathway Lead in the South West Doctoral Partnership Training in the UK. He is also finalizing his Ph.D. on hybrid state-business-civil regulation of low-carbon economies at the University of British Columbia. For a decade, he has specialized in and published on socio-legal aspects of the interaction between environmental and business law. His current research focuses on the postmodern conception of and strategies for regulation, governance, and justice in low-carbon transition.

Pandey Aditi

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Conference Venues

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