

Climate Change, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Law in the context of pandemic recovery

A climate law and public policy online conference preparatory to Climate Law & Governance Day 2021 during the COP26 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Glasgow, UK

29-30 October 2021, University of Cambridge

Online Conference Agenda

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ONLINE CLIMATE LAW & PUBLIC POLICY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1 (Friday 29 Oct 2021)

1:00-2:00pm BST **Welcome & Opening Plenary**

Chair: Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (Climate Law & Governance Initiative CLGI, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law CISDL / Leverhulme Visiting Professorship, University of Cambridge / University of Waterloo)

Welcomes: Prof Stephen Toope (University of Cambridge Vice-Chancellorship, video); Prof Bhaskar Vira (Geography); Prof David Howarth (Land Economy); Prof Diane Coyle (Bennett Institute for Public Policy);

Dr Markus Gehring (Centre for European Legal Studies CELS & Lauterpacht Centre for International Law LCIL, Law)

Brief Opening Remarks: Lord Robert Carnwath (Trinity College / University of London / Landmark); Adv Douglas Leys (Green Climate Fund); Adv Alice Garton (Foundation for International Law & Environment FILE); Emily Farnworth (Cambridge Zero Policy Forum); Prof Christina Voigt (IUCN World Commission for Environmental Law WCEL / Paris Agreement Implementation & Compliance Committee / University of Oslo, video)

Online Masters of Ceremonies: Adv Freedom-Kai Phillips (CISDL / University of Cambridge) & Dr M Antonieta Nestor (University of Cambridge / Cambridge Centre for Climate Repair CCCR)

2:00-3:15pm BST **Climate Law & Public Policy Parallel Panels I**

(1) Climate Ambition through Trade Regimes: Incentivizing climate action in EU & UK economic accords *(with thanks to Centre for European Legal Studies / European Climate Foundation)*

Chairs: Dr Markus Gehring (CELS, Faculty of Law) & Dr Rumiana Yotova (LCIL, Faculty of Law)

Opening Remarks: Adv Madelaine Tuininga (DG Trade, EU Commission)

Speakers:

- Innovative Climate Change Provisions in Regional Trade Agreements, Dr Fabiano de Andrade Correa (CISDL)
- Avoidance of a Climate Trade War, Dr Alessandra Lehmen (Brazilian Bar Association)
- Climate Change in EU & UK Trade & Investment Policy, Adv Marios Tokas (Graduate Institute Geneva)
- EU Contributions under the Paris Agreement through the 2030 Climate & Energy Targets, Eva Balounová (Institute of State and Law, Czech Academy of Sciences)

Online Zoom Moderators: Mr Keshav Arvind & Ms Sophie Quinlan (University of Cambridge)

2) Conservation Pathways & Climate Action: Implementing nature-based law & policy solutions to climate change *(with thanks to Centre for Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Governance CEENRG & Pollination)*

Chairs: Prof Andreas Kontoleon (CEENRG) & Adv Rick Saines (Pollination)

Opening Remarks: Adv Ana Yang (Sustainability Accelerator, Chatham House)

Speakers:

- Nature-Based Solutions as a Tool for Climate Action, Prof Jorge Cabrera Medaglia (University of Costa Rica)
- Role of Nature in Climate-Resilient Sustainable Development in Dominica through Formal & Informal Law-Making for Climate Risk Governance, Adv Tommaso Natoli (International Federation of the Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies)
- Governance of Forest-based Biofuel Production & Modalities for Enhanced Biodiversity Conservation, Adv Freedom-Kai Phillips (University of Cambridge)
- Legal Response to Climate Change through Biodiversity Protection & Restoration in the Colombian Case, Adv Alessandra Accogli (University College Dublin)

- Climate Adaptation Law in International Fisheries, Adv Mitchell Lennan (Strathclyde University)

Online Zoom Moderators: Ms Kayla Hollingsworth & Ms Linda Muhugusa Murhimanya (University of Cambridge)

3:15-3:45pm Health Break

3:45-5:00pm **Climate Law & Public Policy Parallel Panels II**

(3) Climate and the Wealth Economy: Integrating science, law, economics & policy

(with thanks to Bennett Institute for Public Policy & Centre for International Sustainable Development Law CISDL)

Chairs: Dr Matthew Agarwala (Bennett Institute for Public Policy) & Dr Alexandra Harrington (CISDL)

Opening Remarks: **Dr Dimitri Zenghelis** (Bennett Institute for Public Policy)

Speakers:

- Accountability Mechanisms in Climate Change Framework Legislation, Dr Alina Averchenkova, Dr Joana Setzer & Adv Catherine Higham (London School of Economics Grantham Research Institute for Climate Change & the Environment)
- Beyond Coal for a Sustainable Future through Just Transition & Post-Pandemic Reconstruction in Poland, Adv Magdalena Stryja (University of Silesia at Katowice)
- Decarbonization of the Moroccan Economy, Adv Ayman Cherkaoui, Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection)
- Politics of Carbon Pricing Evidence from British Columbia, California & the US Northeast, Timothy Arvan (University of Michigan)
- Zero-Carbon Tourism through Law & Policy Frameworks for Building Global Tourism Back Better, Sarah Norton, Cassandra Hayward & Claire Perttula (Balsillie School of International Affairs)

Online Zoom Moderators: Ms Linda Muhugusa Murhimanya & Ms Sophie Quinlan (University of Cambridge)

(4) Corporate Climate Engagement & Regulation: Advancing net-zero corporate, commercial & financial law & policy (with thanks to Hughes Hall Centre for Climate Change Engagement)

Chair: Emily Farnworth (Hughes Hall Centre for Climate Change Engagement) & Adv Vesselina Haralampieva (European Bank for Reconstruction & Development)

Opening Remarks: **Dr Ron Zimmern** (Hughes Hall & Centre for Climate Change Engagement)

Speakers:

- UK Company Law in the Context of Climate Change, Dr Emily Webster (University of Cambridge)
- Climate Risk Disclosure Rules & Net Zero Outside Counsel Engagement Contracts as Tools for Climate Action, Adv Danilo B. Garrido Alves, University of Oxford, Adv Tejas Rao & Adv Pedro Schilling (University of Cambridge)
- Accessibility of the Green Climate Fund to African Banks for Financing Climate Resilience Projects in Africa, Adwoa Appiah (University of Waterloo)

Online Zoom Moderators: Mr Keshav Arvind & Ms Kayla Hollingsworth (University of Cambridge)

5:00-6:00pm **Climate Law in Practice Plenary, co-hosted with Net Zero Lawyers Alliance**

Chairs: Adv Wendy Miles QC (Net Zero Lawyers Alliance / CLGI / Twenty Essex) & Adv Alice Garton (FILE)

Speakers:

- The Role of Commercial Lawyers in Innovating for Net Zero, **Adv Richard Power** (Clyde & Co)
- Responsible Business Principles & Practice in a B-Corp Law Firm, **Adv David Hunter** (Bates Wells)
- The Role of Commercial Lawyers in Financing Net Zero, **Adv Anne-Marie Slot** (Ashurst LLP)
- The Role of Commercial Lawyers in Net Zero Energy Transition, **Adv Lewis MacDonald** (Herbert Smith Freehills)
- Net Zero Regulation & Investment Protection, **Adv Annette Magnussen** (Climate Counsel LLP)

Online Zoom Moderators: Ms Sophie Quinlan & Ms Kayla Hollingsworth (University of Cambridge)

6:00-6:30pm **Keynote Speakers & Awards Reception**

Keynote Speaker: **Dr David Boyd** (UN Rapporteur for Human Rights & the Environment/ University of BC)

Keynote Speaker: **Hon Justice Antonio Benjamin** (Global Judicial Institute on the Environment)

Presentation of Conference Prizes: Best papers / online presentations / posters

DAY 2 (Saturday 30 Oct 2021)

9:30–10:30am BST **International Law & Policy Innovations in the Paris Agreement**

(with thanks to the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law LCIL & CISDL CLGI)

Chairs: Dr Markus Gehring (CELS/LCIL) & Hon Justice Antonio Benjamin (Global Judicial Institute on the Environment)

Speakers:

- Third Time's the Charm for Adopting the Rulebook on Article 6, **Prof Michael Mehling** (MIT / Strathclyde University)
- Adaptation & Resilience in the Paris Agreement, **Adv Ayman Cherkaoui** (CISDL / Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection)
- Article 2.1(c) & the Climate Finance (R)Evolution, **Dr Megan Bowman** (KCL Climate Law & Governance Centre)
- Legal & Governance Challenges to Address Loss & Damage, **Adv M Hafijul Islam Khan** (Centre for Climate Justice Bangladesh / COP26 LDCs Loss & Damage Group)
- Progress in the Paris Agreement Implementation & Compliance Committee, **Prof Christina Voigt** (IUCN / University of Oslo)

Online Zoom Moderators: Ms Sophie Quinlan & Mr Keshav Arvind (University of Cambridge)

10:30-11:45am BST **Climate Law & Public Policy Parallel Panels II**

(5) Climate Justice & Human Rights: Litigating climate change & liability for loss & damage

(with thanks to CEENRG & Dept of Land Economy)

Chairs: Dr Emily Webster (Dept Land Economy) & Prof Giedre Jokubauskite (University of Glasgow Faculty of Law)

Opening Remarks: **Dr Ilaria Bottigliero** (International Development Law Organization)*

Selected Abstracts / Invited Speakers:

- Courts & the Transformation of Global Climate Change Governance, Prof Louis Kotzé (North-West University)
- Attribution Studies for Causation in Law Beyond Litigation, Dr Petra Minnerop (Durham University)
- Promotion of Climate Justice in Kenya, Prof Robert Kibugi (University of Nairobi)*
- The Dynamic Space of Rights-based Climate Litigation, Amelia Burnette (Strathclyde University)
- Beyond Refugeehood & the Potential of Legal Mechanisms for Climate Migration, Ella Hartsoe (University of Toronto)

Online Zoom Moderators: Ms Sophie Quinlan & Ms Kayla Hollingsworth (University of Cambridge)

(6) Frameworks for Climate Repair: Governing new climate technologies & carbon-negative development *(with*

thanks to the Centre for Climate Repair at Cambridge)

Chairs: Dr. Shaun Fitzgerald OBE FREng & Dr M. Antonieta Nestor, Centre for Climate Repair at Cambridge

Opening Remarks: **Dr John Barker** (LCIL)

Invited Speakers / Selected Abstracts:

- Net Zero Transition through Carbon Negative Development, Adv Vedantha Kumar (Children's Investment Fund Foundation)
- Methane Removal for Climate Repair, Daphne Wysham (Methane Action)
- Legal Challenges for Sustainable Aviation Fuels, Adv Pierre Gonthier (CISDL / Gonthier Avocats)
- International Space Law, Climate Change & the Politics of "Common Concern" Adv Tejas Rao (CISDL/University of Cambridge)

Online Zoom Moderators: Ms Linda Muhugusa Murhimanya & Mr Keshav Arvind (University of Cambridge)

11:45-12:30pm **Closing Plenary**

Chairs: Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (CLGI, CISDL / Universities of Cambridge & Waterloo) & Adv Ayman Cherkaoui (Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection / CISDL)

Panel Chairs & Rapporteurs convey conclusions from each Panel

Closing Keynote: **Prof Nico Schrijver** (Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University & Council of State of the Netherlands)

Closing Addresses: **Dr Francesco Sindico** (Strathclyde University) & **Dr Henry Lovat** (University of Glasgow)

Online Conference Presentations

- Mainstreaming Climate Change in Kenya's Devolved Governance, Salome Karimi (Kenya)
- Climate Change & the Equitable & Reasonable Utilization of Water in International Law, Fabiana Piccoli Araujo Santos (University of Cambridge)
- Climate Governance & Urban Water Management in the Middle East and North Africa, Nesma Hassan (University of Waterloo)
- Exploring the Opportunities & Challenges of Right-Based Climate Litigation in Indonesia, Adv Marcya Mutmainah, (Indonesian Centre for Environmental Law)
- Judicial remedies can enhance climate governance: Perspectives from Asia and the Pacific, Briony Eales (Asian Development Bank)
- Climate Litigation & Paris Agreement Enforcement, Daniele Galvão de Sousa Santos (University of Coimbra)
- Enabling Civil Society Organizations to Supervise Climate Finance in Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, KSA and UAE, Adv Omar Al Khataibeh (Al Khataibeh Center for Arbitration, Law & Legal Training)
- Limitations of the Human Rights Approach to Climate Loss & Damage, Kumie Hattori (Kyoto University)
- Scope, Motivations & Enabling Conditions in Transnationalization of Green Industrial Policy, Juan Jose Lucci (University of Cambridge)

Notes:

- Given COVID conditions in Cambridge, with nearly 12,000 live cases on 15 Oct 2021 & over 280 new cases each week despite high rates of vaccination, **all Chairs and Speakers will join the conference online** to answer questions and engage in discussions. **Participants and Volunteers will also join the conference only online.**
- Registration over Eventbrite is now open, with different options for online registration at full fees (10 GBP, contributing to catering costs), discounted fees for speakers/chairs/junior practitioners (6 GBP) & fully sponsored fees are available for low-income, students and volunteers (0 GBP).
- Presentations by emerging scholars & junior practitioners, whose abstracts were ranked in two rounds by the Scientific Committee, are integrated across the conference sessions & posters will also be on display on the conference website. A feature online panel with 3-4 minute video presentations by those whose abstracts were selected but cannot join in person, will also be available on the conference website & circulated to all delegates.

With special thanks to experts from leading international organisations for their guidance and support:



Overview of Climate Law & Governance Programme Towards 2021 UNFCCC COP26 in the UK and Beyond

Co-host UK partners from the University of Cambridge, the University of Glasgow and the University of Strathclyde, together with the CISDL which hosts the CLGI Secretariat and hundreds of other partners, present:

A preparatory academic climate law and public policy conference on '**Climate Change, the SDGs and the Law**' to take place online at the University of Cambridge Faculty of Law on 29 - 30 October 2021. Building on the London Climate Action Week Net Zero Lawyers Alliance (NZLA) launch, a special **Climate Law in Practice** plenary initiates careers webinars for students and practitioners, engaging the NZLA, Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

See: [Climate Change, the SDGs and the Law in the Context of Pandemic Recovery Tickets, Fri, 29 Oct 2021 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite.](#)

In the beautiful Kelvin Gallery of the University of Glasgow and surrounding halls, the CLGI Programme Committee convenes the **Climate Law and Governance Day 2021** global symposium on Friday, 5 November 2021, in Glasgow during the COP26. Since its inception at the 2005 COP in Montreal, this event has successfully brought together hundreds of jurists, legal researchers, IGO officers, parliamentarians, national delegates, legal professionals, students and professors working on legal issues surrounding climate change. The last Climate Law and Governance Day 2019 in Madrid, Spain during UNFCCC COP25 welcomed over 900 registrants, many of whom were accredited COP delegates and observers from national delegations, intergovernmental organisations, law and governance practitioners and civil society, as well as judges, professors and students. An intense programme of high-level plenaries and 16 sessions hosted by international organizations, country delegations, foundations, law associations and firms, law faculties and others, CLGD 2021 provides an important point for new innovative collaborations to tackle climate change and implement the Paris Agreement across international and domestic regulation, climate litigation, legal scholarship, and commercial practice circles.

The **Climate Law and Governance Global Leadership Awards 2021** and **International Climate Law and Governance Student Essay Contest 2021** Prizes are awarded, recognizing negotiators, general counsel, and distinguished practitioners, academics and civil society leaders, also outstanding students, for their contributions to the global legal response to climate change.

See: [Climate Law and Governance Day, Fri, 5 Nov 2021 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite.](#)

Further, the official UNFCCC CoP26 side-event '**Net Zero Climate Law & Governance - Advance Ambition & Action for Paris Agreement Nationally Determined Contributions / National Adaptation Plans & the Sustainable Development Goals**' from 11:30 to 12:45 in Clyde Auditorium, Blue Zone of COP26 on Saturday 06 November 2021 joins a programme of climate law and governance side-events at the UNFCCC COP26 from 01 - 12 November featuring insights, instruments and practices gained through CLGI partnerships.

See: https://seors.unfccc.int/applications/seors/reports/events_list.html

For COP26 delegates, observers, practitioners, students and others interested in learning more about the Paris Agreement and its international legal ramifications, a one-day intensive **Climate Law and Governance Specialisation Course**, offered in partnership with the CISDL and IUCN WCEL, and taught by some of the world's leading climate law professors and practitioners, is offered in the University of Strathclyde's beautiful modern learning centre in Glasgow and online on Sunday, 7 November 2021, resulting in a special certification:

See: [Climate Law and Governance Specialization Course, Sun, 7 Nov 2021 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite.](#)

Finally, an online public Distinguished Experts Dialogue and Leverhulme Lecture on '**Accelerating Climate Law and Governance Courage, Contributions and Compliance for Sustainability**' by Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger held on Wednesday 01 December 2021, hosted by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge with the support of the Leverhulme Trust, examines COP26 outcomes, and consider ways that law and governance reform can be mobilised to scale up implementation of the Paris Agreement, and the crucial role of educational institutions.

See: [Accelerating Paris Agreement Compliance for Sustainable Development, Wed, 1 Dec 2021 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite.](#)