

## ClimLaw: Graz 2nd Annual PhD Workshop on Climate Law and Litigation

in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the German Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt – UBA), the Association of Environmental Law Lecturers from African Universities (ASSELLAU) and the Development and Rule of Law Programme, Stellenbosch University (DROP)

Monday, 22 May - Friday, 26 May 2023  
12:00 - 17:00 CET  
Online (Zoom)



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### WORKSHOP AGENDA

#### Day 1: 22 May 2023

#### Session I - 'Climate Change and International Law in times of global crisis'

##### OFFICIAL OPENING - 12:00 - 12:30

- **Prof. Oliver Ruppel:** Research Center for Climate Law (ClimLaw: Graz) and Development and Rule of Law Programme, Stellenbosch University (DROP)
- **Prof. Patricia Kameri-Mbote:** United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Association of Environmental Law Lecturers from African Universities (ASSELLAU)
- **Dr. Nadja Salzborn / Dr. Harald Ginzky:** German Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt - UBA)

##### INTRODUCTION TO THE WORKSHOP AND TO CLIMLAW - 12:30 - 12:50

- Introduction to ClimLaw: Graz
- Introduction to the Workshop
- Administration of the Workshop
- Introduction of speakers and PhD presenters of the day's session

## LECTURE SESSIONS

13:00 - 13:30 **Prof. Christina Voigt** (Professor, University of Oslo, Department of Public and International Law; and Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)) - *The climate change dimension of human rights: due diligence and states' positive obligations*

13:30-14:00 **Aditi Shetye, LL.M.** (Researcher at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law; and Co-ordinator Academic Taskforce: World's Youth for Climate Justice (WYCJ)) and **Paloma Costa** (A Young Climate Leaders appointed by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres to a Youth Advisory Group on global action to tackle the climate crisis and avert climate change) - *Panel Discussion on "Law as a tool for Youth Climate Activism"*

14:00 - 14:30 **Dr. Miriam Hofer** (PostDoc Researcher, University of Graz; and ClimLaw: Graz, Austria) - *European Union Climate Crisis measures*

14:30 - 15:20 Question and Answer session and discussion with experts

15:20 - 15:30 Break

## PHD CANDIDATES

15:30 - 15:50 **Raihanatul Jannat** (University of Eastern Finland) - *Extending the transnational environmental law discourse to climate-resilient development of women: exploring the virtuous cycle of gender-responsive adaptation and socioeconomic resilience*

15:50 - 16:10 **Letícia Maria Rêgo Teixeira Lima** (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), Brazil and Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany) - *Women, Climate Justice and Intersectionality: from the Global South to the North*

16:10 - 16:55 Closing of the PhD Session: Final Comments

CLOSING THE DAY'S SESSION - 16:55 - 17:00

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## Day 2: 23 May 2023

### Session II - 'National and International Climate Litigation: Individuals, States, Companies and Nature?'

12:00 - 12:15 Introduction to the day's session

## LECTURE SESSIONS

12:15 - 12:45 **Dr. Ivano Alogna** (Research Leader in Environmental and Climate Change Law at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law; Associated Member of the Sorbonne Research Institute in International and European Law (IREDIES), Sorbonne Law School, France; and Glasgow Law Fellow, University of Glasgow, Scotland) - *Corporate climate litigation: new trends and directions*

12:45 - 13:15 **Prof. Catalina Vallejo Piedrahita** (Professor of International Law, Universidad EAFIT, Colombia) - *Climate Change Litigation and Rights of Nature*

13:15 - 13:45 **Prof. Danielle Andrade Moreira** (Associate Professor at the PUC-Rio, Brazil; and Academic Coordinator of the Specialization Course in Environmental Law at PUC-Rio) - *Climate litigation in Brazil: overview and reflections about the future*

13:45 - 14:30 **Dr. Dina Lupin** (Lecturer at the University of Southampton, United Kingdom; and Director of the Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and the Environment (GNHRE)), **Natalia Urzola**

**Gutiérrez, LLM.** (Chief Operating Officer, GNHRE) and **Dr. Maria Antonia Tigre** (Adjunct Professor Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, United States of America; Global Climate Litigation Fellow, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School, United States of America; and Deputy Director GNHRE) - *Panel Discussion on "Climate Litigation and Gender"*

14:30 - 15:20 Question and Answer session and discussion with experts

15:20 - 15:30 Break

### PHD CANDIDATES

15:30 - 15:50 **Enikő Krajnyák** (University of Miskolc, Hungary) - *Possibilities of Climate Litigation against Carbon Majors with Regards to Human Rights Arguments*

15:50 - 16:10 **Lianne Baars** (Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University, Netherlands) - *Climate Change before International Human Rights Courts and Bodies: Towards Procedural Justice*

16:10 - 16:30 **Mohammad Golam Sarwar** (SOAS University of London, United Kingdom) - *Rights of nature and its effective use in climate litigation: The role of indigenous and local values*

16:30 - 16:55 Closing of the PhD Session: Final Comments

CLOSING THE SESSION - 16:55 - 17:00

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### Day 3: 24 May 2023

#### Session III - 'Loss and Damage: Attribution, causation, compensation, liability'

12:00 - 12:15 Introduction to the day's session

### LECTURE SESSIONS

12:15 - 12:45 **Prof. Sara Seck** (Associate Professor and Keddy Chair in Human Rights Law, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Canada) - *Research Handbook on Climate Change Law and Loss & Damage*

12:45 - 13:15 **Prof. Laura Garcia Portela** (Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy at the Erasmus, University of Rotterdam, Netherlands; and Postdoc researcher at the PhilETAS research group at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany) - *Philosophical insights on Loss and damage*

13:15 - 13:45 **Ana Carolina Haliouc Braganca, LLM.** (Specialist in Environmental Law from UFPR; and Public Prosecutor in the Amazonas State, Brazil) - *Climate change damages under environmental liability law in Brazil: possibilities and shortcomings concerning the protection of the Amazon Forest*

13:45 - 15:00 Question and Answer session and discussion with experts

15:00 - 15:10 Break

### PHD CANDIDATES

15:10 - 15:30 **Andrea Sandbrink** (Freie University Berlin, Germany) - *Attributing Climate Damages to Transnational Corporations*

15:30 - 15:50 **Kingsley Osinachi Onu** (University of Ibadan, Nigeria) - *Human Right Based Approach to Climate Change Mitigation in Nigeria*

15:50 - 16:10 **Adanela Musaraj** (University of Tirana, Albania) - *My sweet orange tree (The conservation of the cross border biodiversity)*

16:10 - 16:55 Closing of the PhD Session: Final Comments  
CLOSING THE SESSION - 16:55 - 17:00

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**Day 4: 25 May 2023**  
**Session IV - 'Sustainable Trade'**

12:00 - 12:15 Introduction to the day's session

**PANEL SESSION - 12:15 - 13:15**

**Prof. Alessandro Monti** (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, and Policy Fellow, Crown Princess Mary Center, University of Copenhagen, Denmark) - *The role of trade and investment law for climate change*

**Prof. Matteo Fermeiglia** (Assistant Professor of International and European Environmental Law, Hasselt University, Belgium) - *Investor-State Dispute Settlement and domestic climate action*

**Dr. Rita Simon** (Scientific Researcher, Institute of State and Law at the Czech Academy of Science, Czech Republic) - *Sustainable consumption and greenwashing (reflected upon new EU legislative drafts such as Directive on empowering consumers for the green transition)*

13:15 - 14:15 Question and Answer session and discussion with experts

14:15- 14:30 Coffee Break

**PHD CANDIDATES**

14:30 - 15:00 **Greta Česnaitytė** (Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania and Steiermark Fellow, ClimLaw: Graz, Austria) - *Sustainable Consumption and Production: Reviewing the EU Waste Management Directive*

15:00 - 15:30 **Larissa Jane Houston** (University of Graz and ClimLaw: Graz, Austria) - *"Switch on the light" - Just Transitions as a means to address energy access*

15:30 - 16:00 **Georgina Roskell** (Stellenbosch University, South Africa; and World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland) - *Global food security and climate change adaptation: Towards sustainable agricultural trade*

16:00 - 16:30 **Carlotta Garofalo** (University of Graz and ClimLaw: Graz, Austria) - *Climate Litigation in Brazil between Structure and Agency*

16:30 - 16:55 Closing of the PhD Session: Final Comments  
CLOSING THE SESSION - 16:55 - 17:00

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**Day 5: 26 May 2023**  
**Session V - 'Climate change and just transitions: Legal considerations of carbon neutrality'**

12:00 - 12:15 Introduction to the day's session

## LECTURE SESSIONS

12:15 - 12:45 **Prof. Raphael J. Heffron** (Professor, University of Pau and Adour Countries, France; and Senior Counsel, Janson, Belgium) - *Just Transition Litigation: A Minimum Performance Standard*

12:45 - 13:15 **Prof. Renate Pirstner-Ebner** (Assistant Professor, University of Graz, Austria; and ClimLaw: Graz, Austria) - *Energy efficiency First? Considerations on Energy Saving and Law*

13:15 - 13:45 **Dr. Monika Feigerlova** (Research Fellow Institute of State and Law, Centre for Climate Law and Sustainability Studies (CLASS), Czech Academy of Science; and Admitted Advocate of the Czech Republic) - *Climate corporate due diligence - setting a zero-carbon emission target by corporations (reflecting on a draft EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive)*

13:45 - 14:15 **Lea di Salvatore, LL.M.** (Legal Researcher, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, United States of America) - *The Role of International Investment Law in Protecting Fossil Fuel Investments*

14:15 - 14:45 **Prof. Dagniselys Toledano Cordero** (Professor, Faculty of Law University of Havana, Cuba) - *Transitions in the South: Climate Law from a Cuban Perspective*

14:45 - 15:20 Question and Answer session and discussion with experts

15:20 - 15:30 Coffee Break

## PHD CANDIDATES

15:30 - 15:50 **Jesus Ramon Jaimes Becerra** (Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Guatemala) - *A Green Central Bank Digital Currency (A Green CBDC)*

15:50 - 16:10 **Sheyla Val Rodriguez** (University of Havana, Cuba; and University of Graz, Austria) - *Tax law and climate change*

16:10 - 16:30 **Ernesto Moreira Sardiñas** (University of Havana, Cuba; and University of Graz, Austria) - *Cuban Energy Law and Green Energy Transition*

16:30 - 16:50 Closing of the PhD Session: Final Comments

## CLOSING OF THE WORKSHOP - 16:50 - 17:00

1. Vote of thanks to partner organizations
2. Outcomes of the Workshop
3. Reflection on last year's and this year's forthcoming workshop publication



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