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CARBON & CLIMATE LAW REVIEW SPECIAL ISSUE

Climate Law and Litigation: Considerations of Carbon Neutrality, Attribution and Justice

This special issue is presented in cooperation with the Research Center for Climate Law (ClimLaw: Graz) as an outcome of the ClimLaw: Graz Annual PhD Workshop on Climate Law and Litigation.

OVERVIEW

Climate change is an issue that affects the entire planet, and governments, organizations, and individuals have been working towards finding solutions to mitigate its effects. The topics covered in this special issue have been at the forefront of discussions regarding climate change. Through the enactment of various climate laws and the rapid growth in climate litigation cases worldwide, there has been unprecedented progress in climate protection. Climate related regulations and policies, put in place by governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change, introduce a new level of responsibility to both governments and corporations alike. Climate litigation, on the other hand, has held them accountable for their roles in contributing to climate change. Climate lawsuits have been effective in emphasising causal links between harm and those responsible. Attribution and climate liability have helped to identify those most responsible for climate related harm and damages and those who should be accountable for failing to adhere to carbon neutrality goals. Governments and corporations have an ethical and moral duty to address climate change. Climate justice recognizes this duty and further identifies that the impacts of climate change are not evenly distributed, with vulnerable populations and developing nations being disproportionately affected.

This special issue of the Carbon & Climate Law Review (CCLR) aims to bring together academics, experts and practitioners to examine climate law and litigation while deliberating key areas, such as of carbon neutrality, attribution and justice.

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Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Attribution and the legal challenges of proving responsibility for carbon emissions
- Climate justice and equity considerations in the development climate law
- Elements of climate justice within climate litigation
- Considerations of liability in corporate climate litigation
- The intersection of climate law with indigenous rights and sovereignty
- The role of international law in addressing climate change and its impacts on vulnerable communities
- The effectiveness and limitations of regulatory approaches to achieving carbon neutrality
- The potential for litigation to drive systemic change within the just transition
- The impact of climate change on human rights and the legal obligations of states to protect them
- Carbon neutrality and the role of legal frameworks within the just transition

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