

ClimLaw: Graz

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

ClimLaw: Graz
Research Center for Climate Law

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Best wishes for 2023!

From all of us at the Research Center for Climate Law we hope that you have had a wonderful start to 2023 and wish you a prosperous year! May you continue to progress and grow.

We look forward to another year of continued your support and we cannot wait to see what this year has in store for ClimLaw: Graz

1. RESEARCH AND STUDY



JUSTDECARB

Socially Just and Politically Robust Decarbonisation: A Knowledge Base and Toolkit for Policymakers

The transition to a decarbonized society entails profound societal and social shifts. JustDecarb investigates negative impacts of these changes for certain groups and, at the same time, demonstrates how to shape the path to a climate-neutral future in a socially just way. The aim is to build knowledge in this area and to develop a "legal toolkit" for policy-makers. This toolkit, designed based on the interdisciplinary findings and with civil society's involvement, provides a framework for a just climate policy, including redistribution measures.

Sponsor: JPI Climate

Start: 01.12.2020

Status: ongoing

More information at: <https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/en/research/research-projects/justdecarb/>

More information on ongoing and completed projects can be found at:

<https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/en/research/research-projects/>





Carbon Neutral LNG

Truly Carbon Neutral electricity enhanced Synthesis of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from biomass

CarbonNeutralLNG targets the cost-competitive and carbon effective exploitation of carbon sources from biomass in order to replace fossil diesel fuels with renewable ‘electricity enhanced bioLNG’ on a global scale. Low-carbon transportation will increasingly depend on liquid and gaseous energy carriers like Liquefied Natural Gas from biomass (bi-oLNG). Within CarbonNeutralLNG, ClimLaw: Graz evaluates legal barriers to the expansion of bioLNG while ensuring long-term compliance with sustainability criteria, assesses the (proposed) legislative frame-work for methane emissions reduction in the energy sector within the EU and provides legal recommendations on fugitive methane emission control.

Sponsor: Horizon Europe

Start: 1 November 2022

Status: Ongoing

More information at: <https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/de/forschen/projekte/>



Carbon Neutral Schools

CARBON NEUTRAL SCHOOLS is an ERASMUS Project that aims to de-velop an online interactive e-learning course and put it freely available to schools, the main focus of the project, HEIs and vocational schools. The aim is to show schools, HEI and vocational schools, what can be done to lower carbon emission, based on practical guidelines that can be taken up without much previous knowledge on the topic and that are based on the experience that pioneer schools in the field have al-ready implemented. The course will be therefore developed in coop-eration with schools. The project will also introduce the concept of Green Ambassadors, to support and lead the organizations to the zero carbon goals. The result of the project will be developed as a collection of interactive e-learning modules.

Sponsor: EU (Erasmus)

Start: 1 November 2022

Status: Ongoing

More information at: <https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/de/forschen/projekte/>



MOU Signing and Cooperation with European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy of the University of Graz (UNI-ETC)

The UNI-ETC and ClimLaw: Graz Forge an Alliance

Measures to protect human rights and the climate are as much interdependent as they are paramount in humanity's response to today's most pressing challenges. Amid a phlegmatic global mobilization against the planet's overheating and a struggle of the international community to uphold basic human rights guarantees, the UNI-ETC and ClimLaw: Graz entered into a cooperation agreement in November 2022. Both institutions of the University of Graz hereby seek to align their academic and societal activities to further both, the protection of the climate and of human rights.

This cooperation seeks to further and enhance the objectives of each center while simultaneously fostering greater opportunities for growth and development in their respective fields. With joint projects, improved learning capabilities and greater collaboration, this partnership will improve and advance climate law and human rights consideration within the centers themselves and the university at large.



ClimLaw Cooperation with the Centre for Renewable Energy, Universidad de Cienfuegos

ClimLaw Director, Prof. Oliver Ruppel, and Ass. Prof. Dr. Renate Pirstner-Ebner,

During their time in Cuba, Prof. Ruppel and Ass. Prof. Dr. Renate Pirstner-Ebner will be hosting and attending a number of presentations for students and all academics as well as cooperation talks with the Dean and various Professors at the Centre for Renewable Energy of the Universidad de Cienfuegos (<http://www.ucf.edu.cu/>).

Prof. Oliver Ruppel will be giving a presentation titled: "Just Energy Transition in times of global energy crisis: An International Climate Law Perspective"

Dr. Renate Pirstner-Ebner will be giving a presentation titled: "Best Practice Models for the Promotion of Renewable Energy in European and Austrian Energy Law"

During their time in Cuba, Prof. Dr. Oliver Ruppel and Ass. Prof. Dr. Renate Pirstner-Ebner together with the Cuban Professors Prof. Dr. Dagniselys Toledano (Environmental Law) und Prof. Elizabeth Valdez-Miranda Fernandez (International Public Law), will host a seminar at the University of Havana, titled: "International, European and Cuban Environmental, Energy and Climate Law".

We wish them well during their trip and look forward to hearing about the next steps in our cooperation with the Centre for Renewable Energy and the Universidad de Cienfuegos.

**ClimLaw Researcher, Carlotta Garofalo, completes a Research Stay in Brazil**

Getulio Vargas Foundation and
The “Law, Environment and Justice in the Anthropocene” (JUMA) Research
Center, at the Pontificia Universidade Catolica (PUC)

Since November, Carlotta has worked as a visiting researcher at the Getulio Vargas Foundation, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. For the next three months, she will continue her research stay in Brazil, at the research center on “Law, Environment and Justice in the Anthropocene” (JUMA), at the Pontificia Universidade Catolica (PUC).

During the past few months, Carlotta has been working on a chapter of her doctoral thesis, comparing the genesis, circulation, and effects of strategic climate lawsuits in selected European and Latin American countries. In the next three months, Carlotta will conduct interviews with lawyers, academics, and public prosecutors, aiming to gain a more comprehensive picture of strategic climate litigation in Brazil and Colombia.



Diploma Thesis Supervision

Ass. Prof. Dr. Renate Pirstner-Ebner

Associate Professor Renate Pirstner-Ebner has supervised a number of Diploma Students who have now successfully completed their thesis.

The Thesis titled:

- Die Unabhängigkeit der Energieregulierungsbehörde im Kontext der Entgelttarifierung - abgeschlossen am 13.11.2022
 - Grüner Wasserstoff im Energierecht - abgeschlossen Februar 2023
- have been successfully completed.

We congratulate those students and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

If you are seeking thesis supervision at any level concerning our research centres themes of focus, please do not hesitate to contact our team for further information:

<https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/de/climlaw-graz/ueber-climlaw-graz/team/>

SEMINARS AND COURSES - SS 22/23

HOSTED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ

Comparative Climate Law and Climate Litigation (216.628)

Lecturer: Prof. Oliver C. Ruppel

The seminar focuses on selected aspects of comparative climate law and climate litigation. Climate law will be analyzed from a national (constitutional and public law) perspective and within the international context. The module has a particular focus on the complex legal questions arising from climate change, which influence other legal fields and backgrounds, such as: politics; litigation; nature; and trade. Students will have access to the international ClimLaw: Graz Annual PhD Workshop on Climate Law and Climate Litigation in cooperation with UNEP, UBA and ASSELLAU.

Legal Aspects of World and Regional Trade (with a focus on sustainable development) (216.632)

Lecturer: Prof. Oliver C. Ruppel

This seminar deals with the international law principles governing trade among states. The focus is primarily on the legal order established under the World Trade Organization (WTO), with a special emphasis on sustainable development (e.g. in Africa).

Klimapolitik und Klimaschutzrecht in Österreich und der EU (216.645)

Lecturer: Asso Prof. Thomas Brudermann, Dr. Miriam Hofer & Prof. Oliver C. Ruppel

Das Seminar wird sich mit der politischen und rechtlichen Dynamik des Klimaschutzes in Österreich und in der EU beschäftigen. Während des gesamten Seminars werden sich die Studierenden mit verschiedenen klimarelevanten Fragen aus rechtlicher und umweltwissenschaftlicher Sicht auseinandersetzen



Umwelt-, Energie- und Klimaschutzrecht (Energierecht und Klimaschutz) (216.645) WS 2022/23 and SS 2023

Lecturer: Dr. Renate Pirstner-Ebner

Diskussionsorientierte Bearbeitung der Grundlagen und aktueller Rechtsprobleme im internationalen, europäischen und österreichischen Energierecht mit Schwerpunkt Klimaschutzenergierecht zB Green Deal der EU, Erneuerbare Energien, Energieeffizienz, Energiespeicherung, Digitalisierung und neue Technologien im Energierecht zB Blockchain, Power-to-Gas

Energy Law (Montanuniversity, 600.013)

Lecturer: Ass. Prof. Dr. Renate Pirstner-Ebner

Basics of Energy Law (terminology, national and EU-level), Market Model for electricity and gas, Energy supply security, the energy system of the future (renewable Energy, energy efficiency) and much more.

Umweltrecht und Anlagengenehmigung (CHE.410UB)

Lecturer: Ass. Prof. Gerhard Schnedl

Umweltrecht im Überblick: Überblick über die für Unternehmen zentralen umweltrechtlichen Regelungen samt völker- und europarechtlichem Hintergrund.

Anlagenrecht im Überblick: Es wird der rechtliche Rahmen für die Errichtung und Änderung von Betriebsanlagen, einschließlich des UVP-Rechts, vorgestellt.

Umweltgesetzgebung (UNT.213UB)

Lecturer: Ass. Prof. Gerhard Schnedl

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Ausgewählte Bereiche des Umweltrechts (216.698)

Lecturer: Ass. Prof. Gerhard Schnedl

Vertiefung und Spezialisierung in ausgewählten Bereichen des Allgemeinen und Besonderen Umweltrechts: Umweltinformationsgesetz (UIG), Umweltverträglichkeitsprüfungsgesetz (UVP-G), Betriebsanlagenrecht der Gewerbeordnung (GewO), Wasserrechtsgesetz (WRG), Abfallwirtschaftsgesetz (AWG). Grundverständnis der Themenbereiche Umweltverfassungsrecht, Umweltverwaltungsorganisation sowie Rechtsschutz im Umweltverwaltungsrecht.

More information, including registration information, on each can be found at:

<https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/en/study/study-courses/>

2.

PUBLICATIONS

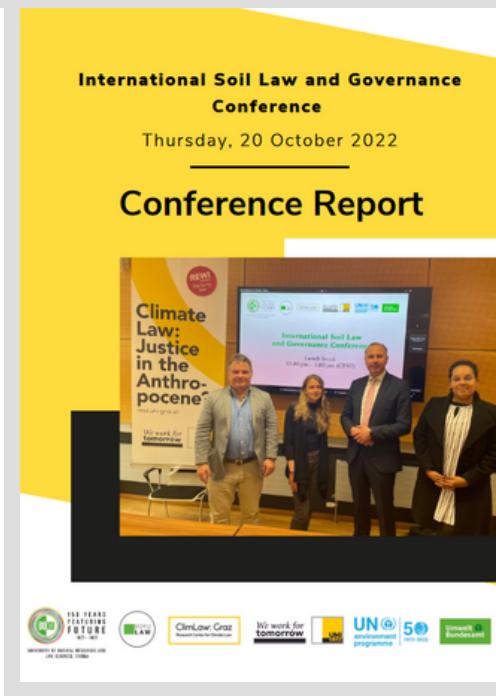
**International Soil Law and Governance
Conference Report**

Edited by Larissa Jane Houston, Oliver C. Ruppel,
Nikolaus Handig and Harald Ginzky

The report was compiled as a an outcome of the International Soil Law and Governance Conference held in October 2022.

The conference was organized by:

- Institute of Law of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU)
- Research Center on Climate Change Law (ClimLaw: Graz), Faculty of Law of the University of Graz
- German Environment Agency (UBA)



Cooperation partners:

- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

With contributions by

- Patricia Kameri-Mbote (Director, Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme)
- Dirk Messner (President, German Environment Agency)
- Andrea Vettori (Deputy Head, Land Use and Management Unit, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission)
- Jiayi Zhou (Researcher in the Conflict, Peace and Security research, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute)
- Li Lifeng (Director, Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)
- Harald Ginzky (Legal Adviser German Environment Agency)
- Pamela Towela Sambo (Professor, Department of Private Law, University of Zambia)
- Qin Tianbao (Professor, Wuhan University, China)
- Gernot Stöglehner (Professor, Institute of Spatial Planning, Environmental Planning and Land Rearrangement, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna)
- Christine Stumpf (Professor, Institute for Soil Physics and Rural Water Management, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna)
- Herwig Ranner (Team Leader, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission)
- Natalia Rodríguez Eugenio (Scientist, Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)
- Francis Tetteh (African Soil Partnership and CSIR-Soil Research Institute, Ghana)

To read the Report and the Conference proceedings, visit: <https://climlaw.unigraz.at/en/research/research-projects/international-soil-law-and-governance-conference/>

SDGs und Pariser Abkommen: Symbiose zur Verwirklichung von Menschenrechten und Klimaschutz?

Oliver C. Ruppel and Cleo Dobers

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(German).

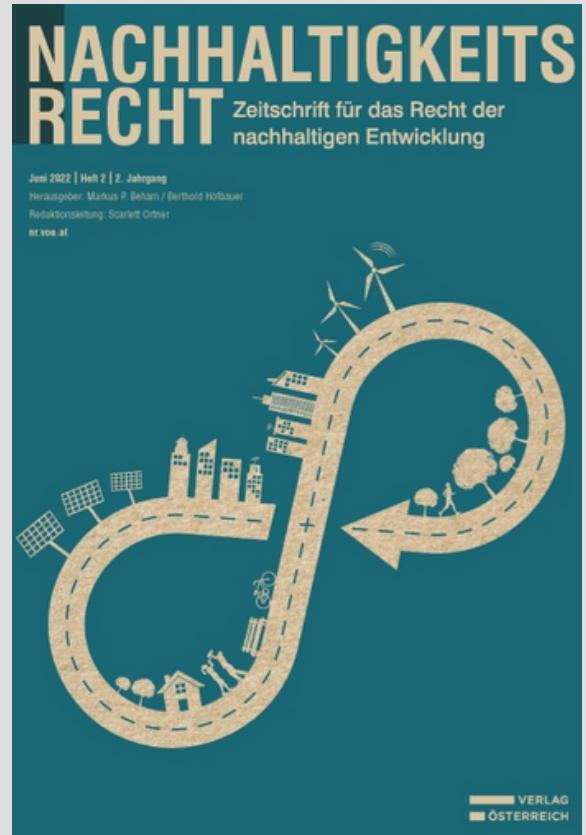
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Entscheidungsträger*innen, Jurist*innen und Gesetzgeber stehen in der Verantwortung, die Wissenschaft, Fakten und Unsicherheiten des Klimawandels zu kennen und zu verstehen, um unter anderem die Ziele des Pariser Abkommens, der NDCs und der SDGs besser erreichen zu können. Das Papier erörtert kritisch das komplexe Zusammenspiel zwischen den unterschiedlichen Regimen im Hinblick auf Klimaschutz, Nachhaltigkeit und

Menschenrechte, auch um künftig besser auf Fragen des Klimanotstands reagieren zu können.

Decision-makers, lawyers and legislators have a responsibility to know and understand the science, facts and uncertainties of climate change in order to better achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, the NDCs and the SDGs, among others. The paper critically discusses the complex interplay between different regimes with regard to climate change mitigation, sustainability and human rights, also to better respond to climate emergency issues in the future.

To find out more and order, visit:
<https://elibrary.verlagoessterreich.at/article/10.33196/nr202204046201>



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The Paris Agreement: A Symbiosis for the Protection of Human Rights and Climate Change?

Oliver C. Ruppel and Cleo Dobers

Environmental Policy and Law, vol. 52, no. 5-6, pp. 399-409, 2022.

DOI: 10.3233/EPL-219051

The decision-makers, lawyers and legislators have a responsibility to know and understand the science, facts, global regulatory framework and uncertainties of climate change in order to better achieve the goals of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the 2015 Paris Agreement as well as the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), among others. They also have linkages and relevance for the implementation of the legal obligations under Article 6 (inherent right to

life) of the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and Articles 11 (adequate standard of living) and 12 (physical and mental health) of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR). This study critically examines the complex interplay between different regimes regarding climate change adaptation and mitigation, sustainability and human rights so as to better respond to “climate emergency” underscored by the UN Secretary-General on 2 June 2022 at the Stockholm+50 Conference.

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Strompreis und Klimaschutz - eine heikle Beziehung?

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Miriam Hofer

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Klimaschutz ist mittlerweile für alle AkteurInnen im wirtschaftlichen und privaten Leben ein „Muss“ – doch es stellen sich zahlreiche Fragen, die noch einer Lösung harren: Welche Instrumente sind angebracht? Welche ziehen sog „Rebound-Effekte“ nach sich? In welchem Ausmaß müssen wir uns wirklich einschränken, um die Pariser Klimaschutzziele zu erreichen? Sind Klimaklagen von Einzelnen und NGOs ein wirksames Rechtsschutzmodell? Wie kann ein Wirtschaften im Sinne eines „Green Growth“ für alle Bereiche möglich werden?

Das Jahrbuch des österreichischen und europäischen Umweltrecht 2022 präsentiert die Erkenntnisse zahlreicher renommierter Referentinnen und Referenten aus Wissenschaft und Praxis anlässlich der 25. Österreichischen Umweltrechtstage in Linz zu folgenden Themen:

- Aktuelles Umweltrecht
- Klimaklagen aus privatrechtlicher und öffentlich-rechtlicher Sicht – Lässt sich Klimaschutz einklagen?
- Rechtliche Instrumente im Klimaschutz – Wie kann das Recht das Klima schützen?
- Klimaschutz aus Sicht der heutigen Jugend

Weitere Informationen und den Beitrag finden Sie hier: <https://www.nomos-eibrary.de/10.5771/9783214250065/jahrbuch-des-oesterreichischen-und-europaeischen-umweltrechts-2022?page=1>



Intertemporale Dimensionen des Klimaschutzes – Grundrechtsgeltung zwischen „Freiheitssicherung“ und Vertrauenschutz

Miriam Hofer

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Intertemporale Dimensionen des Klimaschutzes – Grundrechtsgeltung zwischen „Freiheitssicherung“ und Vertrauenschutz

Im „Klima-Beschluss“ des dt BVerfG wird deutlich: soll spätestens 2050 (oder gar schon 2040) Klimaneutralität erreicht werden, so müssen bereits jetzt umfassende

Klimaschutzmaßnahmen ergriffen und signifikante Emissionsreduktionen erzielt werden. Andernfalls drohe die Beschränkung „praktisch jeglicher Freiheit“, eine grundrechtsschonende Transformation sei dann nicht mehr möglich. Spätestens durch das unionsrechtlich nunmehr verbindliche Ziel der Klimaneutralität bis 2050 ist diese Überlegung auch für Österreich von größter Relevanz: Klimaschutzmaßnahmen müssen so zeitnah verwirklicht werden, dass später keine allzu abrupte Emissionsreduktion erforderlich ist; gleichzeitig ist der Bevölkerung aber auch hinreichend Zeit zur vorausschauenden Planung und Umstellung auf klimaneutrale Technologien zu gewähren. Das grundrechtlich determinierte intertemporale Spannungsfeld, in dem sich der Gesetzgeber bei der Bekämpfung des Klimawandels bewegt, wird in diesem Beitrag näher beleuchtet.

Weitere Informationen und den Beitrag finden Sie hier:
<https://elibrary.veragoesterreich.at/article/10.33196/jrp202203027501>



3. PAST PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Faculty Lunch and 1st ClimLaw: Graz Roundtable Talk

Tuesday, 11 October 2022

Topic: Transnational networked authority

Presenter: Professor Oren Perez



The talk was attended by a number of researchers, professors and academics from across the Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz Faculty of Law. Thank you to Professor Perez for sharing your research with us. We were truly honoured to have such an inspirational and insightful academic to kickstart our Roundtable Talk series. We look forward to seeing your developments in the field of global governance structures.

Professor Perez delivered a talk on his paper titled: "Transnational networked authority", published earlier this year in the Leiden Journal of International Law. In his paper Professor Perez looked into the significant changes regarding the structure of the global governance system, which include: the development of the global governance system into a hybrid field in which a plethora of public, private, and semi-public institutions interact in various ways. In his article, Professor Perez responds to the challenges associated with such a shift by developing a new model of transnational legal authority. According to his suggested model, the emergence of transnational networked authority is dependent on the existence of a multi-layered structure of strongly connected transnational regimes.

More information can be found at: <https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/de/neuigkeiten/detail/article/faculty-lunch-and-1st-climlaw-graz-roundtable-talk/>

World Human Rights Cities Forum
Special Session - Human Rights Paper Session 2
12 October 2022

One of the ClimLaw: Graz Team Researchers, Larissa-Jane Houston, participated as a Panel Discussant during the Human Rights Paper Session at the 12th World Human Rights Cities Forum. Provided comment and insight on a paper titled: "Climate Change, Green Transition in Sápmi and the Human Rights of the Indigenous Sámi People" presented by 3 researchers participating in the session.



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Special Session [Human Rights Paper Session II]
"Human Rights and Local Governments"
Session Program
Date and Time: 12th October 2022 16:00-19:00 KST
(12th October 9:00-12:00 CET / 11th October 2:00-5:00 EST)
Place: Room 214 Kimdaejung Convention Center + Online (Zoom)



ClimLaw: Graz PhD Workshop: Doctoral Candidate Follow Up

14 October 2022

After the success of the ClimLaw: Graz 1st Annual PhD Workshop on Climate Law and Litigation in cooperation with United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), German Umweltbundesamt (UBA) and Association of Environmental Law Lecturers from African Universities (ASSELLAU), ClimLaw: Graz hosted the first Doctoral candidate Follow Up session for doctoral candidates who presented at the 2022 PhD Worksop.

During the session doctoral candidates discussed the updates in their PhD research as well as the challenges and lessons learnt during their writing process. It was a great opportunity for candidates to speak openly about their doctoral process and give advice and suggestions to one another for the progression of their research.

Guest Lecture - Professor Oren Perez

Friday, 14 October 2022

Topic: Extra-Constitutional Commitment Mechanisms; From Climate Change to AI

Presenter: Professor Oren Perez



The guest lecture by Professor Perez marks the end of his time with us at the Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz and at ClimLaw: Graz. Professor Perez presented a lecture to the students of the "International Climate Change Law, Policy and Litigation Seminar" on his research regarding the problem of securing intergenerational cooperation in climate action. His lecture covered content including: Inter-Generational Public Good Dilemmas (IGPCDs), the moral obligation to pursue solutions to IGPGDs, the need for commitment mechanisms (CMs), designing sub-constitutional CMs, and Network-driven private regulatory mechanisms.

More information can be found at: <https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/de/neuigkeiten/detail/article/guest-lecture-4/>

International Soil Law and Governance Conference

20 October 2022



On Thursday, 20 October 2022, the “International Soil Law and Governance Conference” was conducted fully online and attended by persons from all across the globe!

The conference organized by: ClimLaw: Graz, the Institute of Law of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), and the Umweltbundesamt - German Environment Agency (UBA) in cooperation with UN Environment Programme and FAO.

The conference consisted of presentations from experts all across the globe who covered a wide range of topics relating to soil law and governance. Moderated by: Oliver Ruppel (ClimLaw: Graz), Harald Ginzky (UBA) and Nikolaus Handig (BOKU). the sessions were reverting and insightful. We look forward to seeing this conference develop as well as the expansion of knowledge in the field of soil law and governance.

Additionally, a conference report was released which provided a summary of the conference and all proceedings were made available on YouTube.

The report, YouTube links and more information can be found on: "<https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/de/forschen/projekte/international-soil-law-and-governance-conference/>



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Thursday, 20 October 2022
Online Conference

International Soil Law and Governance Conference

On Thursday, 20 October 2022, the “International Soil Law and Governance Conference” will contrary to prior announcements be conducted fully online. The conference will be organized by:

- Institute of Law of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU)
- Research Center on Climate Change Law (ClimLaw: Graz), Faculty of Law of the University of Graz
- German Environment Agency (UBA)

Cooperation partners:

- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

The one-day conference starts at 10:00 am and concludes at 4:30 pm. No participation fee will be charged. The online event welcomes participants in a freely accessible live-stream via Zoom.

Please find further information about the planned programme in the outline below. Kindly send an email to soil.conference@boku.ac.at to register your participation.

EVENT UPDATE

On behalf of the organisers

Daniel Ennöckl

Harald Ginzky

Oliver C. Ruppel

Programme

International Soil Law and Governance Conference

Thursday, 20 October 2022

10.00 am Official opening

10.15 am Soils: future challenges and good governance

Patricia Kameri-Mbote
Director, Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme

Dirk Messner
President, German Environment Agency

Andrea Vettori
Deputy Head, Land Use and Management Unit, Directorate-General
for Environment, European Commission

Florian Krampe
Senior Scientist, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

Li Lifeng
Director, Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

12.00 pm Lunch break

1.00 pm Best practices and innovative regulatory approaches

Harald Ginzky
Scientist, German Environment Agency

Oliver C. Ruppel
Director, ClimLaw: Graz, Karl Franzens University Graz
Professor, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Pamela Towela Sambo
Professor, Department of Private Law, University of Zambia

Qin Tianbao
Professor, Wuhan University, China

Gernot Stöglehner
Professor, Institute of Spatial Planning, Environmental Planning and Land
Rearrangement, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

2.30 pm Coffee break

2.45 pm Sustainable soil management and climate

Christine Stumpp

Professor, Institute for Soil Physics and Rural Water Management,
University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

Herwig Ranner

Team Leader, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural
Development, European Commission

3.30 pm Soil, international cooperation and food security

Natalia Rodríguez Eugenio

Scientist, Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

Barron Joseph Orr

Lead Scientist, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

4.15 pm Conclusion

UNIVERSITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
LIFE SCIENCES, VIENNA



Internationales und Europäisches Klimaschutzrecht – Hoffnung oder Hemmschuh im Kampf gegen die Erderwärmung?

Dr. Miriam Hofer

Tagung Nachhaltigkeit im Spiegel des Rechts - Welchen Einfluss hat das Recht auf die Nachhaltigkeit? Welche Rolle spielt dabei das Europa-, Verfassungs-, Zivil- und Unternehmensrecht? Wo hat der Gesetzgeber Änderungsbedarf?

Montag, 24. und Dienstag, 25. Oktober 2022

09:00-17:50 Uhr

Universität Innsbruck, Innrain 52 (Christoph-Probst-Platz), Aula

Dr. Miriam Hofer hielt einen Vortrag mit dem Titel: "Internationales und Europäisches Klimaschutzrecht – Hoffnung oder Hemmschuh im Kampf gegen die Erderwärmung?" auf der letztjährigen Tagung Nachhaltigkeit im Spiegel des Rechts.

Die Erderwärmung und fortschreitende Zerstörung ganzer Ökosysteme stellen die Menschheit vor die große Herausforderung, diese Entwicklung schnellstmöglich zu stoppen, um die Lebensgrundlagen von Mensch und Tier für die Zukunft zu sichern. Lösungen dürfen dabei nicht nur von der Politik erwartet werden. Es handelt sich um eine gesamtgesellschaftliche Aufgabe, bei der dem Recht eine zentrale Rolle zukommen kann, wenn seine Akteurinnen und Akteuren in Wissenschaft und Praxis diese annehmen.

Dazu soll die erste Tagung des Instituts für Theorie und Zukunft des Rechts der Universität Innsbruck einen Beitrag leisten. Expertinnen und Experten aus ganz verschiedenen rechtlichen Teildisziplinen gehen dabei der Frage nach, wie sich rechtliche Rahmenbedingungen auf die Nachhaltigkeit auswirken. Leisten Sie einen Beitrag zur Sicherung der Lebensgrundlagen oder setzen sie gar Fehlanreize? An welcher Stelle sollt der Gesetzgeber nachjustieren? Diesen Fragen wird in den Vorträgen u.a. mit Blick auf das Verfassungs-, Europa-, Zivil- und Unternehmensrecht nachgegangen. Die Tagung soll ein Beitrag leisten, die Nachhaltigkeit in den einzelnen Teilrechtsgebieten gedanklich zu verankern und sie dadurch als rechtliche Querschnittsmaterie weiter zu etablieren.

Weitere Informationen und den Beitrag finden Sie hier:
<https://www.uibk.ac.at/de/events/info/2022/tagung-nachhaltigkeit-im-spiegel-des-rechts/>



ClimLaw: Graz Roundtable - Professor Elizabeth Valdés-Miranda Fernández
24 November 2022



Professor Elizabeth Valdés-Miranda Fernández, Professor of International Public Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Havana, presented at our latest ClimLaw: Graz Roundtable on a topic titled: International law, access to energy and climate protection from a Cuban perspective

Professor Elizabeth Valdés-Miranda Fernández provided an informative session on the basics of international environmental law and its impact on Cuban environmental considerations and energy access. She provided a unique perspective of Cuba's position in international climate change considerations and more specifically the steps that Cuba has taken to meet environmental and climate considerations.

The Roundtable discussion was attended by researchers, professors and students from across the Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz Faculty of Law. Thank you to Professor Valdés-Miranda Fernández for sharing your research with us. It was a great pleasure to host you during your time in Graz and we look forward to further exchanges and collaborations in the future.

More information can be found at: <https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/de/neuigkeiten/detail/article/climlaw-graz-roundtable-professor-elizabeth-valdes-miranda-fernandez/>

“Energy Law” Lecture, Montanuniversity Leoben

Ass. Prof. Dr. Renate Pirstner-Ebner

19 - 16 January 2023

Dr. Renate Pirstner-Ebner gave a lecture “Energy Law” (9.1.-16.1.2023) at the Montanuniversity Leoben. In this context Mr DI (FH) Manfred Pachernegg (CEO from the Energiennetze Steiermark) gave a presentation with the title “Versorgungssicherheit – (Rechts)Wege aus der Energiekrise” (Supply security – (Legal) ways out of the Energy Crisis). During this event, legal aspect of ensuring gas and electricity supply security and the energy system of the future have been discussed. So as, what can be done to prevent shortages of energy deliveries or blackouts and which solutions are suitable and necessary to replace fossil energy sources (for example legal framwork for hydrogen and renewable gas).



Energiewende: Gerechte Wege zur Klimaneutralität?- Stakeholder Workshop (German Only)

Datum: Donnerstag, 26. Jänner 2023

Konzept: Das Forschungszentrum für Klimaschutzrecht (ClimLaw: Graz) an der Rechtswissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Universität Graz veranstaltet im Rahmen seines Forschungsprojekts "Socially Just and Politically Robust Decarbonisation: A Knowledge Base and Toolkit for Policymakers (Just: Decarb)", einen Stakeholder-Workshop zu Themen der Klimaneutralität und deren Auswirkungen auf Politik, Recht und Wirtschaft. Als Plattform für Stakeholder-Diskussionen wird dieser Workshop Gespräche und Debatten über Schlüsselfragen und Überlegungen zur gerechten Dekarbonisierung im nationalen Kontext Österreichs sowie im regionalen Kontext der Steiermark anregen. Dieser Workshop zielt darauf ab, die gesellschaftliche Verbreitung von Forschungsergebnissen aus dem JustDecarb-Projekt zu unterstützen und soll AkteurInnen, die sich in klimarelevanten Prozessen engagieren wollen, durch die Bereitstellung einer Wissensbasis über die Transformation zu einer kohlenstoffarmen Gesellschaft unterstützen. Er wird sich mit den politischen, wirtschaftlichen und rechtlichen Voraussetzungen für die Beteiligung an klimarelevanten Entscheidungsprozessen und Verfahren auf verschiedenen Ebenen befassen.

Die am Workshop teilnehmenden Akteure haben Zugang zu folgenden Dokumenten:

- Workshop-Bericht mit Zusammenfassung der Diskussionen und Ergebnisse des Workshops;
- das "JustDecarb Toolkit" mit politikrelevanten Überlegungen für eine gerechte Dekarbonisierung auf Ebenen der Verwaltung, Industrie und Wirtschaft;
- eine Kurzdarstellung politischer Erwägungen für eine gerechte Dekarbonisierung.

Weitere Informationen finden Sie unter: <https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/de/forschen/projekte/justdecarb/>



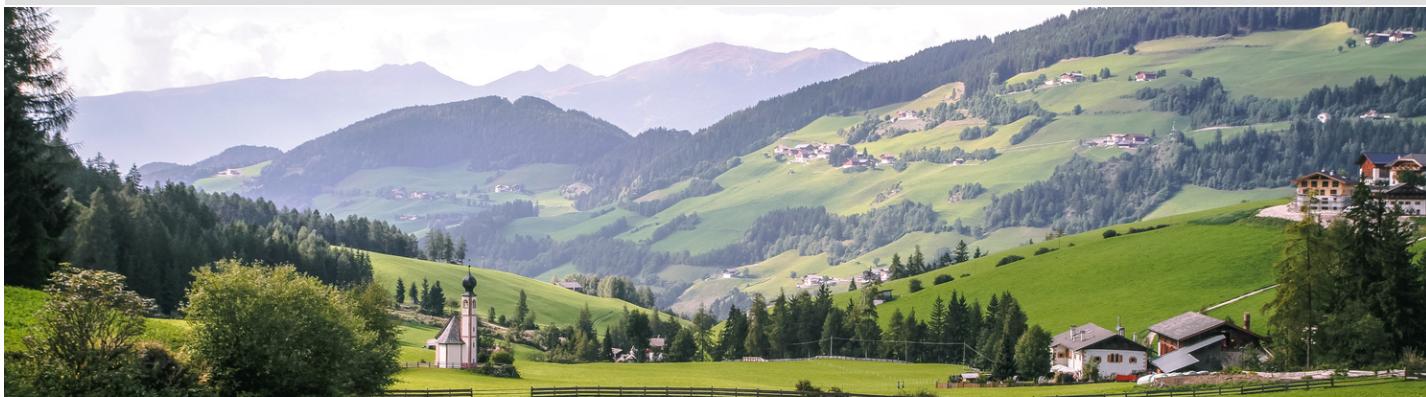
4 .**EVENTS****Grazer Umweltrechtsforum 2023****„Bodenschutz im Zeichen der Klimakrise.****Rechtliche Rahmenbedingungen, politische Herausforderungen und Konfliktpotentiale“**

26. April 2023 Universität Graz, Meerscheinschlössl

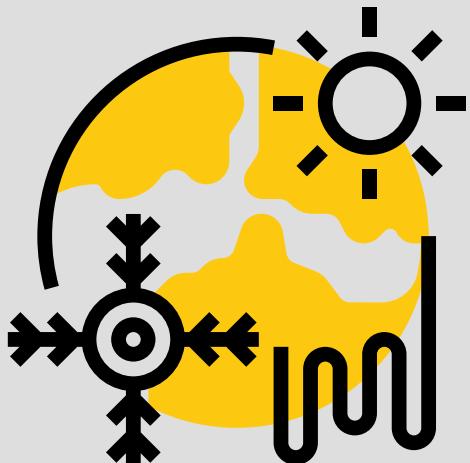
Das am Institut für Öffentliches Recht und Politikwissenschaft der Universität Graz eingerichtete Forschungszentrum für Klimaschutzrecht (ClimLaw: Graz) veranstaltet unter der wissenschaftlichen Leitung von Ass.-Prof. Dr. Gerhard Schnedl, Ass.-Prof. Prof. (Stellenbosch) Dr. Oliver Ruppel und Dr. Miriam Hofer am 26. April 2023 an der Universität Graz (Meerscheinschlössl) das bereits 6. Grazer Umweltrechtsforum, diesmal zum Thema „Bodenschutz im Zeichen der Klimakrise. Rechtliche Rahmenbedingungen, politische Herausforderungen und Konfliktpotentiale“.

Gesunde Böden sind im Kampf gegen die Klimakrise unerlässlich, fungiert der Boden doch als größter CO₂-Speicher der Erde. Dem steht (auch) in Österreich ein enormer Bodenverbrauch gegenüber, rund 11,3 Hektar täglich, mehr als die Hälfte davon geht durch Versiegelung dauerhaft verloren. Das Umweltrechtsforum 2023 beleuchtet die wesentlichsten Zusammenhänge zwischen dem Umweltmedium Boden und dem Klima. Die Veranstaltung spannt den Bogen von den Rahmenbedingungen und Herausforderungen in Österreich – vorgestellt wird ua die für 2023 geplante Bodenstrategie für Österreich – bis hin zu den rechtlichen Grundlagen des Bodenschutzes im Völkerrecht, im Unionsrecht und im nationalen österreichischen Recht mit besonderer Berücksichtigung des Steiermärkischen Bau- und Raumordnungsrechts, ergänzt durch einen Rechtsvergleich mit Deutschland. Den Abschluss der Tagung bildet eine Podiumsdiskussion mit Vertretern aus Politik, Wirtschaft und Umwelt.

Nähere Informationen finden Sie unter: <https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/de/>



ANNUAL CLIMLAW PHD WORKSHOP



**ClimLaw: Graz Annual PhD Workshop
on Climate Law and Litigation in
cooperation with United Nations
Environment Programme (UNEP),
German Umweltbundesamt (UBA) and
Association of Environmental Law
Lecturers from African Universities
(ASSELLAU)**

Monday, 22 May - Friday, 26 May 2023

It is within our goals at ClimLaw: Graz to provide a space to engage and develop research in the field of climate law and litigation. As such we began the ClimLaw: Graz Annual PhD Workshop on Climate Law and Litigation in cooperation with UNEP, UBA and ASSELLAU in 2022.

Each year a number of academic institutions host PhD Workshops across various fields with the aim of assisting PhD students, as well as fellow researchers and academics, in presenting research and sharing ideas or engaging with fellow academics on topics of interest. It is in this context that the ClimLaw: Graz 2nd Annual PhD Workshop on Climate Law and Climate Litigation (ClimLaw: Graz PhD Workshop) returns.

Day 1 - Climate Change and International Law in times of global crisis

Day 2 - National and International Climate Litigation: Individuals, States, Companies and Nature?

Day 3 - Loss and Damage: Attribution, causation, compensation, liability

Day 4 - Sustainable Trade

Day 5 - Climate change and just transitions: Legal considerations of carbon neutrality

Information can be found at:

<https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/en/research/research-projects/annual-climlaw-phd-workshop/>