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Climate Change, Responsibility and Liability

International Conference

November 8th-10th 2018

Program Committee:

University of Graz: M. Hinteregger, Y. Karimi-Schmid, G. Kirchengast, L. Meyer,
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Pre-Conference Program

Wednesday, November 7th, 2018, 18:30

„Economic and Environmental Talks“, Styrian Economic Chamber & University of Graz
University of Graz, SZ 15.21

**Climate change: The Austrian response – climate and energy strategies on the federal
and regional level** (discussion mainly in German)

André Buchegger, Andrea Gössinger-Wieser, Martin Niederhuber, Franz Pretenthaler, Stefan
Schleicher, Max Oberhumer

Conference Program

Thursday, November 8th, 2018

University of Graz, Aula

9:00 Welcome: Dean, Faculty of Law

I. Foundations

Climate change, impacts and attribution of anthropogenic causes: status and challenges

Gottfried Kirchengast, Douglas Maraun, Andrea Steiner, University of Graz

Oslo Principles and Climate Principles for Enterprises

Jaap Spier, University of Amsterdam

Attribution of moral and political responsibilities

Lukas Meyer, University of Graz

Discussion

Coffee Break 11:10-11:30

Social costs of carbon - economic and ethical approaches to damage evaluation

Michael Hanemann, Arizona State University; Karl Steininger, University of Graz

Discussion

Lunch 13:00-14:00

II. International Aspects

Climate change responsibility and liability in international Law

Jorge E. Vinuales, University of Cambridge

Overcoming the enforcement gap: how can human rights litigation and arbitration be enhanced to meet the challenges of climate change?

Ana Stanič, E&A Law Limited, London

Discussion

Coffee Break 15:20-15:50

Climate change responsibility and liability in different legal systems

China: Ke Zhou, Renmin University of China, Beijing

South Africa: Oliver Ruppel, University of Stellenbosch

Russia: Sergey Belov, Saint Petersburg State University

Discussion until 17:45

Evening Program

From 19:00

Evening reception hosted by the Mayor of the City of Graz, Town Hall of Graz

Friday, November 9th, 2018

University of Graz, Aula

9:00

III. EU, Germany and Austria

State Responsibility for Climate Change under EU and German Law

Oliver Dörr, University of Osnabrück

Oslo Principles in EU and Austrian climate change law

Eva Schulev-Steindl, Gerhard Schnedl, University of Graz

Discussion

Coffee Break 10:30-11:00

The role and responsibility of cities in climate change policy

Verena Madner, WU Vienna

State responsibility in climate change and environmental law

Miriam Karl, University of Graz

Discussion

Lunch 12:00-13:00

IV. Private Law

Climate change and tort law: Causation and assessment of damages between probabilities and certainty

Monika Hinteregger, University of Graz

Legal standing in climate law suits

Erika Wagner, University of Linz

Lliuya vs RWE – the case of Huaraz

Roda Verheyen, Attorneys at Law Günther & Partner, Hamburg

Discussion

Coffee Break 15:00-15:30

V. Research Reports

Challenging national climate policies under administrative and private law: lessons from around the world

Tessa Khan, Climate Litigation Network/Urgenda, Amsterdam

Climate Change and Development of Renewable Energy Law in China – based on the analysis of “Friends of Nature vs. Ningxia Grid Company”

Cao Wei, Renmin University of China, Beijing

Climate Compensatory Claims in Kenya

Lydia Omuko-Jung, Doctoral Programme Climate Change, Graz

Participation of NGOs in climate relevant permit procedures in the light of the Aarhus Convention

Julius Ecker, University of Linz

Discussion

Research of China’s Carbon Emissions Reduction Policies and Carbon Emissions Reduction through Industrial Structure Adjustment

Shan Ouyang, Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, Kunming

Fostering responsibility through compliance bodies

Birgit Hollaus, WU Vienna

Discussion

End of scientific program 17:30

Social Program

Wednesday, November 7th, 2018

14:30-16:00

Guided city tour, Old City Centre of Graz
Meeting point: Town hall, Downtown of Graz, Austria

From 20:00 [Following the pre-conference]
Get-together and refreshments, University of Graz

Friday, November 9th, 2018

19:00-21:00

Evening Reception at the Science Tower of Graz
(<http://info.science-tower.at/>)
Waagner-Biro-Straße 100, Graz, Austria

Saturday, November 10th, 2018

09:30-16:00

“White horses, green oil and rose wine” – Guided bus tour through Styria
Visit of the famous Lippizaner stud farm in Piber, the Hunderwasser-Church in Bärnbach and
a convivial get-together in a traditional Styrian “Buschenschank” with lunch and regional
wine.
Departure: Hotel “Das Weitzer”