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**environmental law forum 2018**

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**Climate Change, Responsibility and Liability**

International Conference

November 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Program Committee:**

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**Pre-Conference Program**

**Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 18:00**

„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)

Martin Niederhuber, Franz Pretenthaler, Stefan Schleicher, Roda Verheyen

**Conference Program**

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

##### **Public liability and disaster damages**

Melinda Pryjda, University of Graz

##### **Fostering responsibility through compliance bodies**

Birgit Hollaus, WU Vienna

Discussion

End of scientific program 17:45

## Social Program

### Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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”