CALL FOR PAPERS

Workshop:

Climate change litigation: trends, policy implications and the way forward

14 – 15 June 2018, Aarhus University, Denmark

The International and Transnational Tendencies in Law Center (INTRAlaw), Aarhus University is pleased to announce a call for papers for a workshop on Climate change litigation: trends, policy implications and the way forward to take place at Aarhus University, Department of Law on 14 – 15 June 2018.

The concept of climate change has shifted from being a controversial issue to progressively becoming a widely recognized global threat. The conclusion of the Paris Agreement and the inclusion of climate action as one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals have forged an accord by the international community on the causes and risks of climate change. At the national level, a surge of laws codifying national and international responses to climate change has given rise to a growing number of lawsuits around the world pertinent to climate change-related matters. As climate litigation continues to expand, the need to understand the role of courts in broader climate change governance grows. The workshop aims to convene participants representing different stakeholders from around the world to reflect on the current status quo of climate litigation, its implications and future prospects.

Joana Setzer, Research Officer at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, the London School of Economics and Political Science and Dennis van Berkel, Legal Counsel at the Dutch Urgenda Foundation will deliver a keynote address at the workshop.
Paper proposals are welcome from scholars, practitioners, researchers as well as government, business and civil society representatives with a particular interest in this area. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Analysis of precedent-setting climate change case law
- Justiciability of climate change claims
- Proof of causation in climate litigation
- Sources of climate rights and obligations in climate litigation
- New approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation following climate litigation
- Human rights approaches in climate litigation
- Application of international law by domestic courts in climate litigation
- The impact of climate litigation upon law- and policy-making
- Corporate responses to climate litigation
- Legal remedies and enforcement

**Submission of proposals**

Abstracts of max. 500 words with a short bio should be submitted via e-mail to Theodora Valkanou (theodora.valkanou@law.au.dk) by 5 May 2018.

Abstracts will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Authors will be informed about the final decision on their proposals by 10 May 2018.

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**Financing**

There is no registration fee for the workshop, and meals, coffee and refreshments will be covered for all participants. Presenters will be invited to join the workshop dinner on 14 June 2018.

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