



CALL FOR PAPERS

Workshop:

“Tendencies in Legal Approaches and Instruments for the Protection of Ecological Systems”

25th -26th October 2018, Aarhus University, Denmark

The INTRALaw ([International and Transnational Tendencies in Law](#)) Center, Aarhus University, is pleased to announce a call for papers for a workshop on the transnational development and use of legal norms and other instruments of legal relevance that have an impact on the protection of threatened ecosystems. The workshop will focus on transnational and multi-level aspects in environmental governance and regulation of ecosystems’ protection and international conservation of terrestrial and marine areas. This includes e.g. the use of the ecological approach, the ecosystem approach, and the socio-ecological approach in law and legal research. The workshop seeks to address the factors and theories of importance for socio-ecological resilience and the role of socio-ecological theories in the development of environmental law. It will address the design of norms and the interaction between the norms and economic instruments, spatial information, Web-based GIS tools, and Web-based handling and filing systems (digital self-service and decision-making systems). This is related to the importance of openness of institutions, so as to provide for extensive participation of “the public concerned” and for access to justice.

Paper proposals are welcome from scholars, practitioners, researchers as well as governments, businesses and civil society representatives with a particular interest in this area. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The architecture and design of environmental law in regard to the effective implementation of the various approaches and instruments in the implementation of the law.
- The governance of ecosystems and biodiversity of importance for the agricultural productivity and resilience.
- The protection of ecosystems and biodiversity by procedural rights as ensured by the Aarhus Convention.
- The effectiveness of the different approaches and instruments (including the use of liability concepts) used in the marine protection.
- The possibilities that eGovernment provides and legal challenges it brings to the protection of ecosystems – e.g. with the focus on the role of science and technology in the design of law, the

decision-making, and appeal systems.

Among the many interesting questions that we also want to discuss are the following: How are eGovernment initiatives influencing the perceived performance of environmental decision-making of importance for the protection of ecosystems? Is it possible to combine a socio-ecological resilience approach with eGovernment? Is it possible to combine these two approaches with the fundamental aspect of “the rule of law”: creating certainty, transparency, predictability, and stability?

The keynote speakers are professor Jonas Ebbesson, Stockholms University, Sweden, professor Tore Henriksen, Tromsø University, Norway, and professor Bent Ole Gram Mortensen, University of Southern Denmark.

Contact person and submission of proposals:

Questions regarding the content of the workshop and other questions of relevance can be directed to Shona Walter (shona.walter@law.au.dk)

Abstracts of max. 500 words with a short bio should be submitted via e-mail to Shona Walter (shona.walter@law.au.dk) by 1st of August 2018

Authors will be informed about the final decision on their proposal by 13th August 2018.

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The workshop is funded by INTRALaw.

There is no registration fee; food and drinks during the workshop will be provided with the exception of the dinner. Presenters will be invited to join the workshop dinner on the 25th October.

Participants will have to arrange travel and accommodation themselves.