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

14 – 15 June 2018, Aarhus University, Denmark

PROGRAMME

Workshop Day One – 14 June 2018

- 10.30 – 11.00 **Registration, coffee/tea and fruits**
- 11.00 – 11.10 **Welcome**
- 11.10 – 12.10 ***Panel I: Current Trends in Climate Change Litigation***
(Chair: Brigitte Egelund Olsen)

Pau de Vilchez Moragues | PhD candidate, University of the Balearic Islands

‘The Paris Agreement: A Significant New Thread in the Legal Tapestry of Climate Change Domestic Litigation’

Kathryn McKenzie | Lawyer; LL.M candidate, University of Strathclyde Law School, Glasgow

& **Francesco Sindico** | Reader in International Environmental Law, University of Strathclyde Glasgow, Law School; Director, Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance

‘The Paris Agreement’s Contribution to an Increase in Domestic Climate Change Litigation’

- 12.10 – 13.10 **Lunch**
- 13.10 – 14.10 **Keynote Address: Dennis van Berkel** | Legal Counsel, Urgenda Foundation
(Chair: Denis Edwards)

14.10 – 14.25 **Coffee break**

- 14.25 – 15.55 ***Panel II: Human Rights: Enduring Relevance***
(Chair: Theodora Valkanou)

Marcos de Armenteras | PhD candidate, Tarragona Centre for Environmental Law

‘The Intergenerational Perspective in Climate Change Litigation: the case of *Youth v. Colombia*’



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Monika U. Ehrman | Associate Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Oil & Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Center (ONE C), University of Oklahoma College of Law

‘Climate Change Litigation and its Impacts on Energy Poverty’

Keely Boom | Practitioner; Executive Officer, Climate Justice Programme

& **Augustine Njamshi** | Practitioner; Chair of Political and Technical Affairs, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance

‘Climate Change and Human Rights in Africa’

15.55 – 16.10 **Coffee break**

16.10 – 17.10 ***Panel III: Business Implications of Climate Change Litigation***

(Chair: Joana Setzer)

Lisa Benjamin | Assistant Professor, University of The Bahamas’ LL.B. Programme; Director, Bahamas Protected Areas Fund

‘How to Eat an Elephant: Carbon Major Climate Litigation Trends’

Kim Schumacher | Postdoctoral Research Associate, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford

‘Legal Implications from Climate-Related Risks for Company Directors in Civil Law Jurisdictions: Japan and China’

17.10 – 17.15 Closing remarks

19.00 **Speakers’ dinner (Aarhus city centre)**

Workshop Day Two – 15 June 2018

09.00 – 09.30 **Coffee/tea and rolls**

09.30 – 10.30 **Keynote Address: Dr. Joana Setzer** | Research Officer, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science

(Chair: Katerina Mitkidis)

10.30 – 11.30 ***Panel IV: Climate Change Litigation in the Intersection of Law and Policy-Making***



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(Chair: Maud Sarliève)

Laura Burgers | PhD candidate, University of Amsterdam; Visiting Researcher, University of Oslo
'Justitia, the People's Power and Mother Earth: Understanding the Global Climate Change Litigation Trend'

Matteo Fermeglia | PhD candidate, University of Trieste and University of Udine

& **Nathan Lobel** | Special Assistant to Columbia Center for Sustainable Investment's Director

'International Investment Law and Climate Change: Competing Commitments and Potential Tensions in International Governance'

11.30 – 12.45

Lunch

12.45 – 13.45

Panel V: Evolving Perspectives on Climate Change Litigation

(Chair: Kim Schumacher)

Maud Sarliève | Practitioner

'Criminal Law as a Tool to Mitigate Global Warming: the Example of Deforestation'

Wen Xiang | Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen

'Regulating Climate Change in China: Role of Public Interest Litigation and Public Participation'

13.45 – 14.00

Coffee break

14.00 – 15.30

Panel VI: Climate Change Litigation: The Way Forward

(Chair: Lisa Benjamin)

Anna-Julia Saiger | PhD candidate, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

'The Role of Domestic Courts in Enforcing the 2-degree Goal of the Paris Agreement: A Comparative Approach'

Denis Edwards | Advocate (Scotland) and Barrister (England & Wales); Faculty of Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong

'Redistributing the Costs of Disaster Risk Reduction: A Challenge for Environmental Justice'

Javier Solana | Lecturer in Commercial Law, University of Glasgow

'The Power of the ECB to Fight Climate Change'

15.30 – 16.00

Wrap-up & closing remarks