

# Climate Change, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Law in the context of pandemic recovery

A climate law and public policy online conference, preparatory to Climate Law & Governance Day 2021 during the COP26 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Glasgow, UK

29-30 October 2021, University of Cambridge

## Online Conference Agenda

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(University of Cambridge 29-30 Oct 2021)**

**FINAL DRAFT  
ONLINE CLIMATE LAW & PUBLIC POLICY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**DAY 1 (Friday 29 Oct 2021)**

**1-2pm BST Welcome & Opening Plenary**

*Chair: Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professorship, University of Cambridge / Climate Law & Governance Initiative, CISDL / SEED, University of Waterloo)*

*Welcomes: Prof Stephen Toope (University of Cambridge Vice-Chancellorship); Prof David Howarth (Land Economy Department); Prof Diane Coyle (Bennett Institute for Public Policy); Dr Markus Gehring (Centre for European Legal Studies CELS & Lauterpacht Centre for International Law LCIL, Faculty of Law)*

*Brief Opening Remarks: Lord Robert Carnwath (Trinity College / University of London / Landmark Chambers); Adv Douglas Leys (Green Climate Fund); Prof Christina Voigt (IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law / Paris Agreement Implementation & Compliance Committee PAICC / University of Oslo); Emily Farnworth (Cambridge Zero Policy Forum)\**

**2-3:15pm BST Climate Law & Public Policy Parallel Panels I**

**(1) Climate Ambition through Trade Regimes: Incentivizing climate action in EU & UK economic accords** *(with thanks to Centre for European Legal Studies CELS / European Climate Foundation ECF)*

*Chairs: Prof Markus Gehring (CELS, Faculty of Law) & Dr Rumiana Yotova (LCIL, Faculty of Law)*

*Opening Remarks: Adv Madelaine Tuininga (DG Trade, EU Commission)*

*Invited Speakers / Selected Abstracts:*

- Innovative Climate Change Provisions in Regional Trade Agreements (Dr Fabiano de Andrade Correa, CISDL)\*
- Avoidance of a Climate Trade War (Dr Alessandra Lehmen, Brazilian Bar Association)
- Climate Change in EU & UK Trade & Investment Policy (Marios Tokas, Graduate Institute Geneva)
- EU Contributions under the Paris Agreement through the 2030 Climate & Energy Targets (Eva Balounová, Institute of State and Law, Czech Academy of Sciences)

**2) Conservation Pathways & Climate Action: Implementing nature-based law & policy solutions to climate change** *(with thanks to Centre for Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Governance CEERNG & Pollination)*

*Chairs: Prof Andreas Kontoleon (CEENRG) & Adv Rick Saines (Pollination)*

*Opening Remarks: Dr Nick Hurd (Pollination)*

*Invited Speakers / Selected Abstracts:*

- Nature-Based Solutions as a Tool for Climate Action (Prof Jorge Cabrera Medaglia, University of Costa Rica)
- Role of Nature in Climate-Resilient Sustainable Development in Dominica through Formal & Informal Law-Making for Climate Risk Governance (Tommaso Natoli, Intl Federation of the Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies)
- Governance of Forest-based Biofuel Production & Modalities for Enhanced Biodiversity Conservation (Freedom-Kai Phillips, University of Cambridge)
- Legal Response to Climate Change through Biodiversity Protection & Restoration in the Colombian Case (Alessandra Accogli, University College Dublin)
- Climate Adaptation Law in International Fisheries (Mitchell Lennan, Strathclyde University)

**3:15-3:45pm Health Break**

## 3:45-5:00pm **Climate Law & Public Policy Parallel Panels II**

### **(3) Climate and the Wealth Economy: Integrating science, law, economics & policy**

*(with thanks to Bennett Institute for Public Policy & Centre for International Sustainable Development Law CISDL)*

*Chairs:* Dr Matthew Agarwala (Bennett Institute for Public Policy) & Dr Alexandra Harrington (CISDL)

*Opening Remarks:* Building Forward by Investing in Resilient Assets for a Sustained Recovery (Dr Dimitri Zenghelis, Bennett Institute for Public Policy)

*Invited Speakers / Selected Abstracts:*

- Accountability Mechanisms in Climate Change Framework Legislation (Dr Alina Averchenkova, Dr Joana Setzer & Adv Catherine Higham, LSE Grantham Research Institute for Climate Change & the Environment)
- Beyond Coal for a Sustainable Future through Just Transition & Post-Pandemic Reconstruction in Poland (Adv Magdalena Stryja, University of Silesia at Katowice)
- Politics of Carbon Pricing: Evidence from British Columbia, California & the US Northeast (Timothy Arvan, University of Michigan)
- Zero-Carbon Tourism through Law & Policy Frameworks for Building Global Tourism Back Better (Sarah Norton, Cassandra Hayward & Claire Perttula, Interdisciplinary Centre on Climate Change IC3 University of Waterloo)

### **(4) Corporate Climate Engagement & Regulation: Advancing net-zero corporate, commercial & financial law & policy**

*(with thanks to Hughes Hall Centre for Climate Change Engagement & Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership)*

*Chair:* Emily Farnworth, Co-Director, Hughes Hall Centre for Climate Change Engagement

*Opening Remarks:* Dr Ron Zimmern, Fellow of Hughes Hall & Chairman, Centre for Climate Change Engagement

*Invited Speakers / Selected Abstracts:*

- UK Company Law in the Context of Climate Change (Dr Emily Webster, University of Cambridge)
- Climate Risk Disclosure Rules & Net Zero Outside Counsel Engagement Contracts as Tools for Climate Action (Adv Pedro Schilling, CISDL / Net Zero Lawyers Alliance NZLA)
- Enhancing Accessibility of the Green Climate Fund to African Banks for Financing Climate Resilience Projects in Africa (Adwoa Appiah, University of Waterloo)

## 5:00-6:00pm **Climate Law in Practice Plenary, co-hosted with Net Zero Lawyers Alliance**

*Chairs:* Adv Wendy Miles QC (Net Zero Lawyers Alliance / CLGI / Twenty Essex) & Adv Alice Garton (FILE)

*Invited Speakers:*

- The Role of Commercial Lawyers in Innovating for Net Zero (Richard Power, Clyde & Co)
- Responsible Business Principles & Practice in a B-Corp Law Firm (David Hunter, Bates Wells)
- The Role of Commercial Lawyers in Financing Net Zero (Anne-Marie Slot, Ashurts)
- The Role of Commercial Lawyers in Net Zero Energy Transition (Lewis MacDonald, Herbert Smith Freehills)
- Net Zero Regulation & Investment Protection (Annette Magnussen, Climate Counsel)

## 6:00-6:30pm **Keynote Speaker & Awards Reception**

*Keynote Speaker:* **Dr David Boyd** (UN Rapporteur for Human Rights & the Environment/ University of BC)

*Keynote Speaker:* **Hon Justice Antonio Benjamin** (Global Judicial Institute on the Environment)\*

**Presentation of Conference Prizes:** Best papers / online presentations / posters

## **DAY 2 (Saturday 30 Oct 2021)**

8:30-9:30am Coffee / Tea / Pastries

### **9:30–10:30am International Law & Policy Innovations in the Paris Agreement**

*(with thanks to the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law LCIL & CISDL CLGI)*

*Chairs:* Dr Markus Gehring (CELS/LCL) & Hon Justice Antonio Benjamin (Global Judicial Institute on the Environment)\*

*Invited Speakers / Selected Abstracts:*

- Third Time's the Charm for Adopting the Rulebook on Article 6, Prof Michael Mehling (MIT / Strathclyde University)
- Adaptation and Resilience in the Paris Agreement, Adv Ayman Cherkaoui (CISDL / Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection)
- Article 2.1(c) & the Climate Finance (R)Evolution, Dr Megan Bowman (King's College London Climate Law & Governance Centre)
- Legal & Governance Challenges to address Loss & Damage, Adv M. Hafijul Islam Khan (Director, Centre for Climate Justice Bangladesh / Co-Coordinator LDCs Loss & Damage)
- Progress in the Paris Agreement Implementation & Compliance Committee, Prof Christina Voigt (IUCN WCEL / University of Oslo)

### **10:30-11:45 Climate Law & Public Policy Parallel Panels II**

#### **(5) Climate Justice & Human Rights: Litigating climate change & liability for loss & damage**

*(with thanks to CEENRG & Dept of Land Economy)*

*Chairs:* Dr Emily Webster (Dept Land Economy) & Prof Giedre Jokubauskite (University of Glasgow Faculty of Law)

*Opening Remarks:* Rule of Law for Climate Justice (Dr Ilaria Bottiglieri, International Development Law Organization)\*

*Selected Abstracts / Invited Speakers:*

- Courts & the Transformation of Global Climate Change Governance (Prof Louis Kotzé, North-West University)
- Using Attribution Studies for Causation in Law Beyond Litigation (Dr Petra Minnerop, Durham University)
- The Dynamic Space of Rights-based Climate Litigation (Amelia Burnette, Strathclyde University)
- Beyond Refugeehood & the Potential of Legal Mechanisms for Climate Migration (Ella Hartsoe, University of Toronto)

#### **(6) Frameworks for Climate Repair: Governing new climate technologies & carbon-negative development**

*(with thanks to the Centre for Climate Repair at Cambridge)*

*Chairs:* Dr. Shaun Fitzgerald OBE FEng & Dr M. Antonieta Nestor, Centre for Climate Repair at Cambridge

*Opening Remarks:* Importance of Governance for Climate Repair (Dr John Barker, LCIL)

*Invited Speakers / Selected Abstracts:*

- Methane Removal for Climate Repair (Daphne Wysham, Methane Action)
- Legal Challenges for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (Adv Pierre Gonthier, CISDL / Gonthier Avocats)
- International Space Law, Climate Change & the Politics of "Common Concern" (Tejas Rao, CISDL)

### **11:45-12:30 Closing Plenary**

*Chairs:* Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (University of Cambridge / CLGI, CISDL / SEED, University of Waterloo) & Lord Robert Carnwath (Trinity College / University of London / Landmark Chambers)

*Panel Chairs convey Conclusions from each Panel*

*Closing Address:* **Dr Francesco Sindico** (Strathclyde University) & **Prof Henry Lovat** (University of Glasgow)

## **Selected for Online Presentations** (3-4 min videos sent by 25 Oct 2021 & shared w registrants)

- Mainstreaming Climate Change in Kenya's Devolved Governance (Salome Karimi)
- Climate Change & the Equitable & Reasonable Utilization of Water in International Law (Fabiana Piccoli Araujo Santos, University of Cambridge)
- Climate Governance & Urban Water Management in the Middle East and North Africa (Nesma Hassan, University of Waterloo)
- Exploring the Opportunities & Challenges of Right-Based Climate Litigation in Indonesia (Marcya Mutmainah, Indonesian Centre for Environmental Law)
- Judicial remedies can enhance climate governance: Perspectives from Asia and the Pacific (Briony Eales, Asian Development Bank)
- Climate Litigation & Paris Agreement Enforcement (Daniele Galvão de Sousa Santos, University of Coimbra)
- Enabling Civil Society Organizations to Supervise Climate Finance in Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, KSA and UAE (Omar Al Khataibeh, Al Khataibeh Center for Arbitration, Law & Legal Training)
- Limitations of the Human Rights Approach to Climate Loss & Damage (Kumie Hattori, Kyoto University)
- Scope, Motivations & Enabling Conditions in Transnationalization of Green Industrial Policy (Juan Jose Lucci, University of Cambridge)

## **Notes:**

- Given COVID conditions in Cambridge, with nearly 12,000 live cases on 15 Oct 2021 & over 280 new cases each week despite high rates of vaccination, **all Chairs and Speakers will join the conference online** to answer questions and engage in discussions. **Participants and Volunteers will also join the conference only online.**
- Registration over Eventbrite is now open, with different options for online registration at full fees (10 GBP, contributing to catering costs), discounted fees for speakers/chairs/junior practitioners (6 GBP) & fully sponsored fees are available for low-income, students and volunteers (0 GBP).
- Presentations by emerging scholars & junior practitioners, whose abstracts were ranked in two rounds by the Scientific Committee, are integrated across the conference sessions & posters will also be on display on the conference website. A feature online panel with 3-4 minute video presentations by those whose abstracts were selected but cannot join in person, will also be available on the conference website & circulated to all delegates.

## Overview of Climate Law & Governance Programme Towards 2021 UNFCCC COP26 in the UK and Beyond

With warmest thanks to co-hosting UK partners for 2021 from the law faculties of the University of Cambridge, the University of Glasgow and the University of Strathclyde, as well as to the CISDL which hosts the CLGI Secretariat, and hundreds of other partners who have joined over the years, the CLGI UK co-hosts convene an online preparatory academic climate law and public policy conference on '**Climate Change, the SDGs and the Law**' to take place **entirely online** at the University of Cambridge Faculty of Law on Friday afternoon 29 October and Saturday morning 30 October 2021.

One of the most brilliant features of the event builds on discussions from London Climate Action Week, which launched the Net Zero Lawyers Alliance (NZLA): a special **Climate Law in Practice** plenary session, initiating a new series of careers webinars / fireside chats for leading law students and junior practitioners which engage leading NZLA lawyers, as a collaboration between the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford with the NZLA. Registration is now open for online participants: [Climate Change, the SDGs and the Law in the Context of Pandemic Recovery Tickets, Fri, 29 Oct 2021 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

This is a preparatory event for COP26, as part of a **programme of climate law and governance sessions and side-events shall be hosted by the CLGI and partners at the UNFCCC COP26 from 01 - 12 November in Glasgow and online**, featuring insights, instruments and practices gained through CLGI partnerships and projects.

As the crowning event, in the beautiful Kelvin Gallery of the University of Glasgow and surrounding halls, the CLGI Programme Committee shall be convening the **Climate Law and Governance Day** global symposium on Friday, 5 November 2021, in Glasgow during the COP26. CLGD 2021, with an intense programme of over 16 in person and online sessions hosted by international organizations, country delegations, foundations, law associations and firms, law faculties and many other leading climate law and governance actors, provides an important point for the global climate law and governance community to meet, share ideas and build new innovative collaborations to tackle climate change and implement the Paris Agreement across international and domestic regulation, climate litigation, legal scholarship, and commercial practice circles. The event also features the **Climate Law and Governance Global Leadership Awards 2021** and **International Climate Law and Governance Student Essay Contest 2021** Prizes on 05 November 2021, recognizing negotiators, general counsel, and distinguished practitioners, academics and civil society leaders, also outstanding students, for their contributions to the global legal response to climate change.

For more information and to register now for CLGD 2021, please use this link: [Climate Law and Governance Day, Fri, 5 Nov 2021 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#).

Then, for COP26 delegates, observers, practitioners, students and others interested in learning more about the Paris Agreement and its international legal ramifications, a one-day intensive **Climate Law and Governance Specialisation Course**, offered in partnership with the CISDL and the UNFCCC Secretariat, and taught by some of the world's leading climate law professors and practitioners, is being offered in the University of Strathclyde's beautiful modern learning centre in Glasgow and online on Sunday, 7 November 2021, resulting in a special certification: [Climate Law and Governance Specialization Course, Sun, 7 Nov 2021 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#).

Finally, the last large online public Distinguished Experts Dialogue and Leverhulme Lecture on '**Accelerating Climate Law and Governance Courage, Contributions and Compliance for Sustainability**' by Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger shall be held on Wednesday 01 December 2021, hosted by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, to examine the outcomes of the COP26, and consider ways that law and governance reform can be mobilised to scale up implementation and compliance with the Paris Agreement, globally and in key countries worldwide, as well as the crucial role of educational institutions. We hope that you will be able to join us online for this special event. To register in advance: [Accelerating Paris Agreement Compliance for Sustainable Development, Wed, 1 Dec 2021 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).