



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

PLANETARY CRISES AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS: GOVERNING CONTEMPORARY THREATS THROUGH LITIGATION AND CIVIC ACTION

26-27 October 2023
University of Oslo, Faculty of Law

An International Conference organised by the Research Group on Global Challenges to Human Rights Law, Policy and Practice, the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo

Thursday 26 October 2023		
Time	PUBLIC OPENING SESSION Venue: Domus Bibliotheca	
09.30-10.00	Doors open Simple serving: coffee/tea and snacks	
10:00-10:15	WELCOME SESSION Ragnhild Helene Hennum, Dean at the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo Bård A. Andreassen, Director of the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR), University of Oslo	See online: click here



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10:15-10:45	KEYNOTE ADDRESSES • David R. Boyd, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment (Online 20 minutes) ○ Q&A (10 min)	
10:45- 11:05	• Christina Voigt, Professor, Department of Public and International Law, UiO (20 minutes)	
11:05-11:25	• Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, Professor, Director General/CEO of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Abuja/Lagos (20 minutes)	
11:25-11:35	Short break	
11:35-12:30	PANEL DISCUSSION (35 minutes) <u>Moderator</u> • Nina Reiners, Associate Professor, NCHR, UiO <u>Panelists</u> • Inga Marie Nymo Riseth, Senior advisor, the Sami Parliament • Christina Voigt, Professor, University of Oslo • Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, Director General/CEO of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Abuja/Lagos Q&A (20 minutes)	
12:30-13:30	Lunch at Aulakjelleren, Domus Media, UiO	



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13:30-16.30	PARALLEL WORKING SESSIONS	
	<u>SESSION I: POLICY AND NORMATIVE DEVELOPMENTS</u> (4 papers) Venue: Stallen, Professorboligen, UiO Moderator: Bård A. Andreassen, Director, NCHR • Nicola Sharman, “Democratic Principles of Civil Society Participation in the UNFCCC: From Equality to Proportionality” • Ana Paola Vergara Lamadrid, “Unity makes strength in times of climate change: possible convergences and divergences in advisory opinions processes related to environmental obligations” • Matthew Scott, “A Human Rights-based Approach to Climate Related Displacement in African Cities: Local Authority Insights from Nairobi, Kampala and Freetown” • Bjørn Leif Brauteseth, 'Ecological Civilization in Chinese Communist Party Regulations and their Role in Court Judgements' <u>SESSION II: LITIGATION</u> (4 papers) Venue: Lødrups Kjeller, Domus Media, UiO Moderator: Elsabe Boshoff, Doctoral Research Fellow, NCHR, UiO • Viktoriya Gurash & Helen Keller (1 in person), “Expanding NGOs’ standing: climate justice through access to the European Court of Human Rights” • Zecharias Fassil, “The challenges in advancing Environmental Public Interest Litigation in Ethiopia and innovative approaches used by environmental lawyers” • Jessica Pineda, “Climate litigation against corporate actors and the obligation to prevent human rights violations”	See online: click here See online: click here



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	• Sormunen et al., (1 in person - Milka Sormunen) “The First Finnish Climate Case: How Framings of Access to Justice, Human Rights, Obligation to Take Active Measures, Urgency, and Separation of Powers Affected Legal Arguments” SESSION III: ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS (4 papers) Venue: Loftet, Professorboligen, UiO Moderator: Maria Lundberg, Associate Professor, NCHR, UiO • Margherita Paola Poto, “Unlocking Climate Governance: Embracing Indigenous Law and Action as the Key” • Devika Santosh Nair, “Defenders of Earth: Examining Risks Faced by Environmental Human Rights Defenders in India and Protection Mechanisms Accessible to Them” • Tom Kissock-Mamede (online), “Researching indigenous rights and climate advocacy at synchronic distances” • Kenny Cetera, “Harnessing “Demand-Side” Measures to Protect Forest Defenders in Indonesia: A Comparison between Timber and Oil Palm Policies” <i>Breaks included</i>	See online: click here
16:30-17.00	CONCLUDING SESSION Venue: Stallen, Professorboligen, UiO • Summary by the session moderators	See online: click here NB! Same zoom as policy and normative developments
19.00 -22.00	EVENING AGENDA Venue: Frokostkjelleren, Gynmastikkbygningen, UiO • Dinner and social gathering	



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27 October 2023		
09.00-11.00	PARALLEL WORKING SESSIONS	
	<u>SESSION I: POLICY AND NORMATIVE DEVELOPMENTS</u> (3 papers) Venue: Stallen, Professorboligen, UiO Moderator: Helge Årsheim, Associate Professor, NCHR, UiO • Satya Prakash Mehra (online), “Eco-ethos of Indian Culture amidst the Environmental Challenges of Modern Age” (awaiting submission) • Haifeng Deng, “Legal Issues of Chinese Climate Change Induced Migrants’ Human Rights Protection” • Sharawat Shamin, “Human Rights in the Crossroad of Climate Change and Energy Security in Bangladesh” <u>SESSION II: LITIGATION</u> (3 papers) Venue: Lødrups Kjeller, Domus Media, UiO Moderator: Matthew William Saul, Associate Professor, NCHR, UiO • Ana Flavia Corleto, “Exploring litigation as a protection mechanism for climate migrants” • Yingxia Tang, “New Proceeding of Environmental Right Protection Under the Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality Goals and Challenges” • Jonas Kakule Sindani (online), “Criminal law and the repression of environmental crimes in the DRC. Reading socio-cultural inconsistencies”	See online: click here See online: click here



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	<u>SESSION III: ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS</u> (3 papers) Venue: Loftet, Professorboligen, UiO Moderator: Peris S. Jones, Professor, NCHR, UiO • Nina Hall & Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, (1 in person) “Climate Activism and Digital Technologies” • Daniel Bertram & Chad Osorio (2 online), “Criminalizing Climate Contention” • Hao Zhuang & Steven Wolf, (1 in person) “A Door Half Open: Private Actors in Public Law Enforcement – A Case of China’s Environmental Public Interest Litigation and the Interplay with Public Prosecutors” <i>Breaks included</i>	See online: click here
11.00-11.30	CONCLUDING SESSION Venue: Stallen, Professorboligen ○ Summary by the session moderators	See online: click here NB! Same zoom as policy and normative developments
11:30 –12.30	Lunch at Aulakjelleren, Domus Media	
12:30 –15.00	PARALLEL WORKING SESSIONS	
	<u>SESSION I: POLICY AND NORMATIVE DEVELOPMENTS</u> (4 papers) Venue: Stallen, Professorboligen, UiO Moderator: Christina Voigt, Professor, Department of Public and International Law, UiO • Timisha Dadich & Dr Ruchi Sinha (1 in person, 1 online), “The climate crisis and its Impact on Children’s Rights: rethinking accountability and risk mitigation mechanisms”	See online: click here



- **Adewale Opeyemi**, “Mitigating Climate-Induced Indigenous Rights Violations in Africa: Policy Objectives and Strategies”
- **Andreas Buser** ([online](#)), “The Role of Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence in Mitigating Climate Change’s Impacts on Human Rights and the Planet”
- **Ian Higham** ([online](#)), “Climate-Human Rights Integration in Transnational Business Regulation: Prospects for International Cooperation” ([awaiting submission](#))

SESSION II: LITIGATION (3 papers)

Venue: Lødrups Kjeller, Domus Media, UiO

Moderator: **Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan**, Director General/CEO,
Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Nigeria

- **Teuka Tembo**, “Environmental Litigation: The Constitutional Versus Statutory Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment”
- **Pranav Ganesan**, “Pushing the Envelope through Provisional Environmental Protection Measures: A Comparative Analysis of International Human Rights Adjudicators”
- **Antoine De Spiegeleir** ([online](#)), "Climate Change Storytelling by the European Court of Human Rights"

SESSION III: ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS (3 papers)

Venue: Loftet, Professorboligen, UiO

Moderator: **Andrea Liese**, Professor, University of Potsdam, Germany

- **Erick Pajares** ([online](#)), “On the defence of environmental human rights in Latin America, and its impact on the evolution of the foundations of intergenerational justice and interspecies justice, in the context of the global climate

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	crisis" (awaiting submission) • Lina Munoz-Avila, "Protecting the Environment in Latin America: The Role of Women Environmental Defenders" • Nancy R. Tapias Torrado, "Wet'Suwet'en Women leading the defense of the Yintah from Abused Committed in Connection with Megaprojects. The persistent legacies of the Past. Canada" <i>Breaks included</i>	
15.00-15.45	CONCLUDING SESSION • Summary by the session moderators • Discussion on potential publishing and the way forward	See online: click here NB! Same zoom as policy and normative developments