

Climate Law in Europe: Taking Stock, Looking Forward

1st EACL Conference | Berlin, Germany | 22-23 September 2025

Conference Programme

The European Association of Climate Law (EACL) will host its first conference as a platform to discuss current developments, future challenges, and intergenerational justice in climate law. The two-day event will include an Early Career Researcher Workshop on the first day, followed by a General Session on the second day.

Early Career Researcher Workshop | 22 September

12:30 - 13:30	– Welcome, Registration and Light Pretzel Lunch (Lounge) –
13:30 - 14:00	Opening Remarks (Room 1)
14:00 - 15:30	ECR Session 1 – Intergenerational Justice: Theoretical Foundations (Room 1) Chair: Michael Kalis (IKEM, University of Greifswald) Paulina Rundel (University of Vienna) Intergenerational Justice as Emerging Customary International Law in Times of Climate Change
	Pedro Sampaio Minassa (Lisbon Public Law Research Centre, University of Lisbon) The Ethical and Legal Foundations of Intergenerational Equity Verena Kahl (University of Hamburg)
	The Right to a Safe Climate: An Ecofeminist Rights Revolution Towards Intertemporal and Interspecies Justice
	Linn Pfitzner (University of Edinburgh) Bridging the Gap: The EU's Emerging Intergenerational Fairness Framework from a Climate Law Perspective
	Alina J. Wolski (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Ruhr-University Bochum) Narrating the Future: How Climate Fictions Shape Legal Imaginaries of Intergenerational Justice
15:30 - 16:00	– Coffee and Tea Break (Lounge) –



16:00 - 17:30	ECR Session 2 – Intergenerational Justice: Youth Movements, Litigation and Justice (Room 1) Chair: Ievgeniia Kopytsia, (IKEM, Yaroslav Mudri National Law University Kharkiv, University of Genoa) Linnéa Hansen (Ruprecht Karls University Heidelberg) Youth Participation Mechanisms in Climate Law Bent Bos (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) (Mis)conceptualizing the Future – On the Temporality of Future in Rights-Based Climate Litigation Valentina Eisendle (University of Innsbruck) Climate Targets as Normative Bridge between Present Legal Obligations and the Demands of Intergenerational Justice Rebecca Militz (Goethe University Frankfurt)
	Feeling Intergenerational Climate Justice
17:30 -18:00	– Coffee and Tea Break (Lounge) –
18:00 - 19:00	Keynote Speech - Law and Governance for Overshoot (Room 1) Prof. Dr. Christina Voigt (University of Oslo)
19:30	Conference Dinner (Lounge)
21:30	Evening Event (Umspannwerk Ost)

General Session | 23 September

8:30 – 9:00	– Registration (Lounge) –
9:00 - 9:30	Opening Remarks (Room 1b)
9:30 - 11:00	Parallel Sessions 1 1A: European Climate Law in an Evolving World (Room: 1b) Chair: Christina Voigt (University of Oslo)
	Clemens Kaupa (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) The EU Climate Constitution: A Safeguard Against the Roll-back of the EU's Climate Acquis?
	Vilja Johansson (University of Eastern Finland) From a Political Commitment to Law: Piecing together the EU's fragmented Just Transition Framework
	Suryapratim Roy (Trinity College Dublin) Constitutionalism and Climate Impact Assessments
	Seita Vesa (CCEEL, University of Eastern Finland) Enforcing Ambition: Navigating Uncertainty and Compliance in EU Climate Governance



	1B: Climate Law as a Cross-Cutting Area of Law (Room: 1a) Chair: Johanna Wolff (University of Osnabrück)
	Alessandra Accogli (Dublin City University) Carbon Sink Management and the Interlinkages of Climate Law with Environmental Law
	Sabaa Ahmad Khan (David Suzuki Foundation) Climate Law and International Trade law: The Case of the Canada–United States–Mexico Agreement
	Oliver Ruppel/Atieh Khatibi (Stellenbosch University, University of Graz / Research Center for Climate Law University of Graz) Soil Protection and Climate Law
	Melanie Maurer (University of Vienna) Climate and Agricultural Law: Friends or Foes?
11:00 - 11:30	– Coffee and Tea Break (Lounge) –
11:30 - 13:00	Parallel Sessions 2 2A: The Role of Law in Promoting Corporate Climate Action (Room: 1b) Chair: Harro van Asselt (University of Cambridge)
	Thom Wetzer (University of Oxford) Scenario-contingent corporate climate policy
	Paul Mougeolle (University of Potsdam, University of Paris Nanterre) Due Diligence Enhancing Corporate Climate Mitigation
	Annalisa Savaresi (University of Eastern Finland) From Lliuya Onwards: Reflections on the Past and Future of Corporate Climate Liability
	Eoin Jackson (London School of Economics and Political Science) The Evolving Role of Human Rights within European Tort-Based Corporate Climate Litigation
	2B: Litigation and Legislation as Drivers of European Climate Law (Room: 1a) Chair: Christina Eckes (University of Amsterdam)
	Tobias Pfeiffer (University of Groningen) Litigation as a Driver of Climate Law: Lessons from Shell and RWE
	Nina Koistinen (University of Eastern Finland) Litigating the Climate Transition in the EU: Mapping Climate-Relevant Litigation before the Court of Justice of the European Union
	Wojciech Modzelewski (ClientEarth) Liability for Climate Change: A Tort Law Theory Perspective
	Riccardo Aquilini (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano) Rethinking Subjectivity: Climate between rights-holder and object of claims
	Ivano Alogna (British Institute of International and Comparative Law) Redefining Corporate Climate Responsibility: The Legal Mandate from the ICJ, ITLOS, and IACtHR Advisory Opinions



13:00 - 14:30	– Lunch (Lounge) –
14:30 - 16:00	Parallel Sessions 3 3A: Climate Law as a Cross-Cutting Area of Law (Room: 1b) Chair: Oliver Ruppel (Stellenbosch University, University of Graz)
	Lea Di Salvatore (CCEEL, University of Eastern Finland) The Compatibility of Pre-Lisbon International Investment Agreements with the EU Climate and Energy Legal Regime
	Sarah Maria Denta (Copenhagen Business School) Plastic Production and Pollution Integrated in EU Climate Law
	Niklas Reetz (Leuphana University Lüneburg) Pandora's Box? A Pragmatic Perspective on Climate Change and Security
	Chen-Ju Chen (National Chengchi University) The EU's Laws and Policies to Promote the Ocean's Role in Combating Climate Change
	3B: The Role of Law in Promoting Corporate Climate Action (Lounge) Chair: Annalisa Savaresi (University of Eastern Finland)
	Kateryna Holzer (University of Eastern Finland) Advancing Corporate Climate Action via Article 6: The EU's Regulatory and Institutional Readiness
	Sanita van Wyk / Revia Cahyono (Tilburg University) Corporate Climate Disclosure Crossroads: Regulatory Uncertainty and the ESRS–ISSB Convergence
	Federica Agostini (Utrecht University) Reconsidering the Role of Banks and Investors in Driving Corporate Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy
	Eugenia Recio (University of Eastern Finland) The Emerging Rulebook for Corporate Climate Accountability: A Critical Assessment
16:00 - 16:30	– Coffee and Tea Break (Lounge) –



16:30 - 18:00

Parallel Sessions 4

4A: European Climate Law in an Evolving World (Room: 1b) Chair: Jelena Bäumler (Leuphana University Lüneburg)

Hana Müllerova (Institute of State and Law, Czech Academy of Sciences)

Climate change and emergency: EU law and national law perspectives

Ingo Venzke / Jochen von Bernstorff

(University of Amsterdam / University of Tübingen)

The Problem of Fossil Sovereignty: The Climate Crisis 10 Years after Paris

Martje Köppen (University of Oxford)

Slipping through the 'Net': Carbon Dioxide Removal and the Net-Zero Consistency Obligation under EU Climate Law

Valentine Zheng (Green Legal Impact Germany)

Putting a Halt to Rollbacks: The Non-Regression Principle in EU Primary Law and Its Application to the Green Deal

4B: Litigation and Legislation as Drivers of European Climate Law (Lounge) Chair: Kate McKenzie (Climate Change Legal Initiative)

Eva Balounová / Monika Feigerlová

(Institute of State and Law, Czech Academy of Sciences)

The Role of Climate COP Decisions in Selected National Adjudication

Christina Eckes (University of Amsterdam)

What is Fair? The Role and Input of Domestic Actors into Establishing What is a State's 'Fair Share'

Tessa Trapp (University of Amsterdam)

The Stories That Stick: Strategic Climate Litigation through a Narrative Lens

Giuseppe Naglieri/Pamela Martino (Aldo Moro University of Bari)

A Constitutional Turn in Climate Litigation?

The Rise of Apex Courts as Global Forums for Climate Justice

Delphine Misonne (UCLouvain)

How Do Climate Legislation and Climate Litigation Shape Each Other? A European Analysis

18:00 - 18:15

Closing remarks (Room 1b)



Conference Information

Conference venue

The conference and the conference dinner will be held at the offices of IKEM's strategic partner **Becker Büttner-Held** (Magazinstrasse 15–16, 10179 Berlin). The venue is easily accessible by public transportation, with nearby stations including S+U Jannowitzbrücke and S+U Alexanderplatz.

Evening Event

We look forward to rounding off the conference with an informal evening at **Umspannwerk Ost** (Palisadenstraße 48, 10243 Berlin). After the conference dinner, join us for drinks in a relaxed atmosphere—just a short walk from the venue or two stops on the U5 (station Weberwiese). Participation in the evening event is voluntary and at the participants' own expense.

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Becker Büttner Held (Conference Venue)



Umspannwerk Ost (Evening Event)

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About EACL

The European Association of Climate Law (EACL) e.V. is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the study of climate change and law in Europe and beyond. By providing a platform for in-depth discussions, fostering collaboration among legal experts, and supporting the participation of young scholars, EACL seeks to strengthen legal responses to climate change from global to local levels.

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