



2nd Annual Conference CLIMATE LAW 10 YEARS AFTER THE PARIS AGREEMENT

Helsinki, Finland | 17-18 September 2026

Draft Programme (Subject to Change)

17 September 2026, Day 1	
0830-0900	Registration and Coffee <i>University of Helsinki, Athena, Room 107</i> <i>Siltavuorenpenger 3 A</i>
0900-0920	Welcoming Remarks
0920-1010	Plenary Fireside Conversation (<i>title to be confirmed</i>) Prof. Harro van Asselt , Hatton Professor of Climate Law, University of Cambridge and Professor of Climate Law and Policy, University of Eastern Finland Prof. Áine Ryall , Chair of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee and Co-Director of the Centre for Law and the Environment, University of Cork <i>Additional panellists to be confirmed</i>
1010-1030	Early Career Researcher Awards
1030-1100	9-minute walk to the next venue, Hotel Arthur, Vuorikatu 19. Coffee served on arrival.
1100-1230	Parallel Sessions A
Session 1: The Paris Agreement After 10 Years: Interpretation, Evolution and Future Challenges <i>Conference room Auditorium</i>	
Majid Asadnabizadeh <i>Institute of International Relations Maria Curie-Skłodowska University Lublin, Poland</i>	Linguistic Framing and Collective Action in COP28–30 Negotiations: Implications for Climate Law Ten Years after the Paris Agreement
Laura Mai <i>University of Bern</i>	‘It’s A Treaty – But of What Kind?’ Reflections on Legal Form, Character, and Features of the Paris Agreement at Ten
Haomiao Du <i>Utrecht Centre for Water, Oceans and Sustainability Law (UCWOSL), Utrecht University</i>	The Legal Space for Retaining the 1.5-Target with Overshoot
Violetta Sefkow-Werner <i>University of Zurich</i>	The Climate-Human Rights Nexus: Systemic Integration as a Tool for Defining Due Diligence Post-Paris – Harmony or Hegemony?

Session 2: Constitutional Dimensions of EU Climate Governance <i>Conference room Mäki</i>	
Maiju Mähönen <i>Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland</i>	What Constrains the EU Legislature? A Constitutional Analysis of the EU's Procedural Climate Governance Framework
Valentina Eisendle <i>University of Innsbruck</i>	The Overriding Public Interest in Renewable Energy and the Restructuring of Administrative Balancing
Clemens Kaupa <i>Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</i>	The EU climate/constitution interface and the problem of effectiveness
Anil Öztürk <i>Lund University</i>	Exit Liability: Groningen's Arbitration Aftershock and the EU CCS Regime
Session 3: Tracing the Impacts of Climate Litigation <i>Conference room Hjelt</i>	
Chiara Padrin <i>University of Milan</i>	Climate Litigation against Corporations as a Driver of Constitutional Transformation: A Comparative Analysis
Giuseppe Naglieri <i>University of Bari</i>	Beyond Win or Lose: The Methodological Turn in Climate Litigation Research
Pedro Minassa <i>Lisbon Public Law Research Centre (LPL), University of Lisbon</i>	Beyond The Hague: Intergenerational Protection Duties in Climate-Related Cases before UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures
Nina Koistinen <i>Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland</i>	Climate litigation in Ireland: exploring governance impacts
1230-1330	Lunch
1330-1500	Parallel Sessions B
Session 4: Rights, Participation and Climate Justice <i>Conference room Auditorium</i>	
Ketan Jha <i>University of Brighton</i>	Who Decides What Counts as Climate Law? Article 9(3) from Global Feedback to Save Leitrim
Dr. Agnes Lux <i>ELTE University, Faculty of Social Sciences</i>	Future Generations Through the Lens of Children's Rights: Rethinking Climate Protection in International Law
Raihanatul Jannat <i>Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland</i>	Running in Place: Investigating how the GCF's Adaptation Portfolio Responds to Women's Climate-Resilient Needs Through the Lens of Bangladesh
Atieh Khatibi <i>The Research Center for Climate Law, University of Graz</i>	The Nexus of Climate-related Security Risks and Women's Rights in the International Climate Change Law Regime
Session 4: The History and Future of Market-Based Mechanisms <i>Conference room Mäki</i>	
Ilaria Espa and Kateryna Holzer <i>Università della Svizzera Italiana (USI) / World Trade Institute; Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland</i>	Trade in Carbon Credits: The Role of International Economic Law in the Development of Carbon Markets
Bent Bos <i>Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</i>	The Never-ending Story of EU Climate Policy: An Epic Retelling of the Development of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS)
Anu Lähteenmäki-Uutela and Till Reinholz <i>Syke, Finland; IKEM, Germany</i>	From Carbon to Nature to Bundled Credits: Transformative Potential of Innovative and Cross-Cutting Legislative Approaches
Jennifer Salmon <i>Independent researcher</i>	An Empirical Analysis of Market Mechanisms under the UNFCCC: Recommendations for the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism and Beyond

Session 6: Institutions, Expertise and Authority in Climate Governance <i>Conference room Hjelt</i>	
Tuula Honkonen <i>Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland</i>	The Saami Climate Council: tokenistic participation or real inclusion of Indigenous rights and knowledge in climate policymaking?
Hana Müllerová <i>Institute of State and Law, Czech Academy of Sciences</i>	Climate Disintegration Instead of Stronger Action: A Case Study of Triple-Branch Failure in the Czech Republic
Elena Frassinelli <i>Università degli Studi di Trento</i>	Evidence-Based Governance or Symbolic Advice? A Legal Analysis of the ESABCC's Role under the European Climate Law
Sophie Alena Hölscher <i>European University Institute</i>	Equity, CBDR-RC, and Sustainable Development at the Green Climate Fund: Ethnography of an Institution Troubled by Ambiguity
1500-1520	Coffee Break
1520-1650	Parallel Sessions C
Session 7: The Evolving Architecture of EU Climate Governance <i>Conference room Auditorium</i>	
Dr. Götz Reichert <i>Centrum für Europäische Politik (cep)</i>	The ETS-2 Postponement and the Erosion of EU Legislative Standards: How a Legally Flawed Shortcut Jeopardises Future EU Climate Legislation
Tiago Antunes <i>University of Lisbon, School of Law</i>	Leading by Example or Forcing Good on Others? Green Deal and the 'Indirect Extraterritorialisation' of EU Law
Simona Sagone <i>University of Palermo</i>	The EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism at the Crossroads of Climate Ambition and Geopolitical Fragmentation.
Session 8: National Climate Law in a Comparative Perspective <i>Conference room Mäki</i>	
Rinata Kazak and Ievgeniia Kopytsia <i>Linköping University; Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University / IKEM</i>	Climate Law in Post-Soviet Countries: Exploring 'Terra Incognita'
Michael Kalis <i>IKEM - Institute for Climate Protection, Energy, and Mobility e.V. and Leuphana University of Lüneburg</i>	Argos Eyes and Hermes' Lullaby: Anticipatory Governance in the German Federal Climate Change Act
Monirul Azam <i>Södertörn University</i>	From Climate Ambition to Legal Accountability: Swedish Climate Law after Aurora and KlimaSeniorinnen
1650-1730	Early Career Researcher Networking Event <i>Hotel Arthur, lobby area Vuorikatu 19</i>
1730-1830	EACL Assembly <i>Hotel Arthur, conference room Mäki Vuorikatu 19</i>
1900-2100	Conference Dinner <i>(venue TBA)</i>

18 September 2026, Day 2	
0830-0900	Coffee and Arrival <i>Hotel Arthur Vuorikatu 19</i>
0900-1030	Parallel Sessions D
Session 9: Legal Dimensions of Carbon Capture, Removal and Storage <i>Conference room Auditorium</i>	
Martje Köppen <i>University of Oxford</i>	Carbon Dioxide Removed from View: Coordination and Discretion in EU Multi-level Climate Lawmaking
Rosa Manzo <i>Bergen University Faculty of Law COAST Center</i>	The Normative Limits of Carbon Capture and Storage under the Paris Agreement
Sara Tolonen <i>Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland</i>	Carbon Dioxide Removals and the EU ETS: Legal Implications of the EU Carbon Removal Certification Framework
Session 10: The Future of Climate Law After the ICJ Advisory Proceedings <i>Conference room Mäki</i>	
Linn Pfitzner <i>University of Edinburgh</i>	Reconsidering Responsibility: From Loss and Damage to Climate Reparations
Elif Naz Némec <i>Institute of State and Law, Czech Academy of Sciences</i>	Dissent in the Time of Climate Change: Judicial Disagreement and State Resistance in International Climate Law
Suzanne Varrall <i>University of Melbourne</i>	Beyond the Paris Agreement: Fragmentation, Accountability, and Due Diligence in International Climate Law
David Rossati <i>Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</i>	The International Court of Justice's 1.5°C Formula as a Legal Fiction: the Future of Climate Litigation in 'Reckoning with Reality'
1030-1050	Coffee Break
1050-1220	Parallel Sessions E (Early Career Researcher Spotlight)
Session 11: Theory and Practice of Climate Litigation <i>Conference room Auditorium</i>	
Jameela Joy Reyes, Noah Walker-Crawford and Nicholas Petkov <i>London School of Economics Grantham Research Institute</i>	Once upon a Trial: Narratives as a Method in Comparative Climate Litigation Research
Costanza Azzupardi, Enrico Buono and Carlotta Garofalo <i>Scuola Normale Superiore; Universität des Saarlandes; Universität Graz</i>	Ten Years after Paris: Mapping the Impacts of the Third Wave of Climate Litigation
Dorit Aschauer <i>University of Vienna</i>	Litigating for the Future? The Role of Environmental NGOs in Protecting Future Generations from Climate Change
Nolwen Guilleman and Rebecca Walker <i>University of Geneva</i>	The Concept of "Fair Share" through the Lens of Domestic Climate Change Litigation

Session 12: Implementing Climate Law Across Sectors and Jurisdictions <i>Conference room Mäki</i>	
Tanga Dickenstien Rodolph and Nana D. Asare <i>Independent researcher</i>	Governing Methane across jurisdictions: the external reach of EU Methane Regulation in Nigeria's gas market
Eduardo Giugliano Garcia and Federica Brancaccio <i>Università del Salento</i>	A Legal Shield for Carbon? A Critical Review of the Brazilian Forest Code and the institute of Legal Deforestation under the Paris Agreement.
Katharina Neumann <i>University of Oxford</i>	A sectoral approach for agricultural emissions mitigation under the Paris Agreement: A path to implementation?
Katja Kurki <i>Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law (CCEEL), University of Eastern Finland / Finnish Environment Institute</i>	Legitimate authority in EU climate governance: from horizontal solidification to vertical liquidity
1220-1320	Lunch
1320-1450	Parallel Sessions F
Session 13: Climate Law Interactions Across Regimes and Governance Levels <i>Conference room Auditorium</i>	
Niklas Löther <i>Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland</i>	Legal Reforms to Synergise Climate and Clean Air Governance: Shortcomings and Opportunities in the Governance Regulation and NEC Directive
Andrew Walters <i>University of Aberdeen</i>	Beyond Net Zero: Safety Cases as Climate Governance Tools in Deep-Time Energy Regulation
Vilja Rentto <i>Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland</i>	The legal emergence of just transition: interconnections and tensions across governance levels
Maria Laura Marceddu <i>Edinburgh Centre for International and Global Law</i>	The Paris Agreement in investment arbitration: Mapping the Interaction Challenge
Session 14: Corporate Accountability in Climate Governance <i>Conference room Mäki</i>	
Li Yuan <i>University of Helsinki</i>	From Climate Commitments to Legal Proof: Accountability, Evidence, and the Implementation Gap in EU Climate Governance
Fergus Green <i>University College London</i>	The (ab)use and reception of 'market substitution' arguments in climate litigation: A comparative review and constructive proposal
Francisco Javier Camarena Juárez <i>Universidad La Salle Bajío, México</i>	When Environmental Judges Speak Civil Law, Civil Liability and the Private Sector Climate Litigation Agenda in Mexico and Latam
Lauri Peterson <i>Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law (CCEEL), University of Eastern Finland</i>	Conducting Without a Baton: Orchestration and the Meta-Governance of Voluntary Climate Action
1450-1500	A 3-minute walk to the University of Helsinki <i>University of Helsinki, Metsätalo (B212) room 2</i> <i>Unioninkatu 40</i>
1500-1530	Closing Remarks

Venue Information

The conference will be held across three venues, all located within a 10-minute walk of one another: two University of Helsinki locations (Siltavuorenpenger 3 A and Unioninkatu 40, 00100 Helsinki) and Hotel Arthur (Vuorikatu 19, 00100 Helsinki). The venue for the conference dinner will be confirmed at a later date.

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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