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Short Course: Climate litigation and regulation - International and European perspectives

Monday 7 December 2026 – The International Legal Architecture of Climate Change

- 09:00 – 09:15** **Opening and introduction day 1 of the course**
Dr Stephanie Triefus (Researcher, Asser Institute)
- 09:15 – 10:45** **Training module 1: The International legal architecture of climate change**
Prof. André Nollkaemper (Professor International Law and Sustainability University of Amsterdam, Academic Director SEVEN)
- The UN climate regime (UNFCCC, Paris Agreement, Global Stocktake)
 - Nationally determined contributions
 - Customary international law and state responsibility
 - Group discussion: how international climate law interacts with participants' area of work
- 10:45 – 11:00** **Coffee break**
- 11:00 – 12:30** **Training module 2: The ICJ Advisory Opinion on Climate Change and its implications for state regulation**
Dr Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh (Associate Professor of Sustainability Law University of Amsterdam, SEVEN, Lead Counsel for Vanuatu in the ICJ proceedings)
- The story behind the advisory opinion
 - Content and implications of the opinion for national and subnational regulators
 - Use in domestic courts
 - Group activity: advise your team on the implications of the advisory opinion for your workplace
- 12:30 – 13:45** **Lunch**
- 13:45 – 15:15** **Training module 3: Human rights approaches to climate harm**
Judith Alkema (Legal Campaigner Bonaire Case, Greenpeace)
- International human rights law and climate obligations
 - Procedural rights: access to information, participation, remedies
 - Key cases from the Global South on human rights and the climate
 - Group activity: breaking down key case studies and their human rights arguments
- 15:15 – 15:30** **Coffee and tea break**
- 15:30 – 16:45** **Training module 4: The climate litigation landscape: Strategic cases and their impact**
Mieke Reij and Funs van Diem (Counsel for Milieudefensie in Milieudefensie vs. Shell, Paulussen Advocaten)
- Key cases, their challenges and implications
 - How strategic litigation has accelerated climate policy
 - Group discussion: future of climate litigation for public and private sectors
- 16:45 – 17:00** **Coffee and tea break**
- 17:00 – 17:30** **Looking ahead: Interactive discussion and participant reflection on the future of international climate law**
Moderator – Dr Stephanie Triefus (Researcher, Asser Institute)



Tuesday 8 December 2026 – European Climate Law and Regulation

- 09:15 – 09:30** **Opening and introduction day 2 of the course**
Dr Stephanie Triefus (Researcher, Asser Institute)
- 09:30 – 11:00** **Training module 5: The EU climate framework**
Jacob Werksman (Principal Adviser, International Aspects of EU Climate Policy, DG-CLIMA, European Commission)
- Climate regulation in the EU (European Climate Law, Effort Sharing Regulation, LULUCF, CBAM and the ETS)
 - Enforcement of EU climate laws and regulations
 - Group activity: Mapping exercise identifying which EU instruments create obligations that flow to the level they work at or research
- 11:00 – 11:15** **Coffee and tea break**
- 11:15 – 12:45** **Training module 6: ECHR and the climate: KlimaSeniorinnen v Switzerland's implications for local government**
Prof. Dr Christina Eckes (Professor of European law and Director of the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (ACELG). University of Amsterdam)
- Positive obligations under Article 8
 - Standing for associations
 - Compliance with ECtHR ruling
 - Group work: participants analyse whether a set of fictional municipal and regional climate decisions would satisfy the KlimaSeniorinnen standard and identify their vulnerability to challenge
- 12:45 – 14:00** **Lunch break**
- 14:00 – 16:00** **Training module 7: Corporate accountability**
Dr Antoine Duval (Senior Researcher, Asser Institute) and Dr Stephanie Triefus (Researcher, Asser Institute)
- CSDDD and CSRD, OECD National Contact Points and UNGPs
 - Key cases: Milieudefensie vs. Shell (x2), Luciano Lliuya v. RWE, Asmania et al. v Holcim
 - The Energy Charter Treaty and fossil fuel investment
 - Group activity: climate due diligence exercise
- 16:00 – 16:15** **Coffee break**
- 16:15 – 17:00** **Looking ahead: interactive discussion and participant reflection on the future of climate litigation in the EU**
Moderator – Dr Stephanie Triefus (Researcher, Asser Institute)

**Please note that this programme is subject to change*

Registration Information & Conditions 2026

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