

# International Human Rights Courts and Bodies at the Edge of the Climate Tipping Point

**Workshop**  
**9-10 June 2021**

**Day 1: 9 June 2021**

**3.00-3.10 pm CEST: Welcome:** Başak Çalı, Professor of International Law and Co-Director of the Centre for Fundamental Rights, Hertie School, and Juan Auz, PhD candidate, Centre for Fundamental Rights, Hertie School

**3.10-4.40 pm CEST: Panel I: Climate Crisis through International Human Rights Law**

Chair: Annalisa Savaresi, Associate Professor of International Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland and Senior Lecturer in Environmental Law, University of Stirling

- Christina Voigt, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo, "Mitigating Climate Change through Human Rights Law?"
- Yusra Suedi, University of Geneva, Global Studies Institute, "Wrong Address? Assessing the Competence of UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies to act as Catalysts for Change in the International Climate Crisis".
- Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies Leiden University, "Redress for Human Rights Violations Resulting from Climate Change: What Role for International Human Rights Courts and Bodies?"

Discussant: Benoit Mayer, Associate Professor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**4.40-4.50 pm CEST: Break**

**4.50-6.20 pm CEST: Panel II: Climate Crisis through International Human Rights Litigation:**

Chair: César Rodríguez-Garavito, Director of the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, New York University School of Law

- Islam Attia, The Graduate Institute Geneva, “The Strategic Playing with the Climatic Card before International Human Rights Courts and Bodies”
- Joyce De Coninck and Anemoon Soete, Department of European Law, Public Law and International Law, Ghent European Law Institute, “Non-Refoulement as the Vessel for Climate-Change-Centric Human Rights Adjudication: A Comparative Analysis”
- Shalini Iyengar, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, “Human Rights and Climate Wrongs: Saving the World, One Case at a Time?”

Discussant: Annalisa Savaresi, Associate Professor of International Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland and Senior Lecturer in Environmental Law, University of Stirling

**Day 2: 10 June 2021**

### **3.00- 4.30 pm CEST: Panel III: Vulnerable Groups, Climate Crisis and International Human Rights Litigation**

Chair: Joana Setzer, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

- Linnea Nordlander, Centre of International Law and Governance at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, “Loss and damage in the Arctic: the potential of human rights litigation to fill the remedial void”.
- Charlotte Renglet, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), “The recognition of the special relationship of indigenous peoples with their environment under international law: a potential advantage in climate litigation?”
- Elsabé Boshoff, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo; and Samrawit Getaneh, African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, “The potential of litigating children’s rights in the climate crisis before the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child”

Discussant: Başak Çalı, Professor of International Law and Co-Director of the Centre for Fundamental Rights, Hertie School

**4.30-4.40 pm CEST: Break**

### **4.40-6.10 pm CEST: Panel IV: The Role of Regional Human Rights Courts and Bodies in Litigating the Climate Crisis**

Chair: Juan Auz, PhD candidate, Centre for Fundamental Rights, Hertie School

- Kim Bower, University of Exeter, "The Influence of Human Rights on Climate Litigation in Africa"
- Corina Heri, University of Zurich, Faculty of Law, "Climate Litigation before the ECtHR: Risk, Vulnerability, and Remedies"
- Maria Antonia Tigre, Elisabeth Haub School of Law, Pace University, New York, "Developing a Green Jurisprudence at the Inter American System: A Pathway to Climate Litigation"

Discussant: Helen Duffy, Professor of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Grotius Centre of the University of Leiden and Human Rights in Practice.

**6.10-6.20 pm CEST: Break**

**6.20-6.40 pm CEST: Closing Roundtable: International Human Rights Courts and Bodies at the Edge of the Climate Tipping Point**

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