



Longing for Justice in a Climate-Changed World: From Theory to Practice

II Tarragona International Environmental Law Colloquium

18 – 19 May 2017

Concept

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) the climate system is unequivocally changing. Since 1950, the atmosphere and oceans have warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished and the sea level has risen. Droughts, floods and other extreme events are predicted to be more frequent and severe. As the UN Human Rights Council has recognized, climate change threatens lives and livelihoods across the globe, becoming a matter of human rights. Furthermore, climate change is also a matter of justice as it especially affects the already most vulnerable populations, having a disproportionate impact on their living conditions.

In order to tackle climate change, the international community has set out a global action plan in the 2015 Paris Agreement which is expected to limit global warming and keep the rise in temperature below 2°C above pre-industrial levels. However, based on past and current experiences (e.g. Kyoto Protocol), it can be predicted that achieving actual and effective results towards that objective will be anything but easy. Therefore, it is time to engage in discussions on the identification of challenges and opportunities for

effectively bringing theory into practice in a manner that delivers environmental sustainability and social justice in a climate-changed world.

The organising committee welcomes proposals for paper and poster presentations addressing the overall theme of the colloquium. Interdisciplinary approaches to the theme are welcome. Possible topics include:

- Current and emerging legal issues: climate litigation, climate liability, governance, etc.
- Global, regional and local climate strategies and policies
- Mitigation and adaptation
- Climate change and biodiversity
- Interdisciplinary responses to climate change
- Climate change's impact on vulnerable populations
- Climate change and human rights
- Security and climate change
- Sustainable development and climate change

Organizers

The second TIEC is jointly organized by the **Tarragona Centre for Environmental Law Studies (CEDAT-URV)** and the **Tarragona Environmental Law Students Association (AAEDAT)**.

The **CEDAT** is a research centre which has gradually become a reference point for environmental law in Spain and Europe. Its objectives are to generate and socialize knowledge in the field of environmental law. At present, it is involved in several national and international research projects.

The **AAEDAT** is an association founded in 2009 by students and ex-students of the LLM in Environmental Law at Rovira i Virgili University. This association aims to promote activities within the university community in order to further spread socio-environmental values and to create spaces for debate, reflection and exchange with other universities and research groups.

Important Dates

- Abstract submission: **10th February**
- Acceptance notification: **10th March**
- Colloquium Programme: **31st March**

Venue

Universitat Rovira i Virgili
Facultat de Ciències Jurídiques
Campus Catalunya
Av. Catalunya 35
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Submission

Those interested in presenting should submit an abstract of no more than **300 words** indicating whether it is intended for oral or poster presentation.

Submissions should include: name of the presenter(s), institutional affiliation(s), contact information (email) and title of the presentation, they should be sent to: **tiec@outlook.es**

Language

As the official language of the TIEC is **English**, all abstracts and posters must be presented in this language.

Publication

The authors of abstracts selected for oral or poster presentations will not be expected to submit completed papers. However, we do encourage interested authors to submit completed papers which will be considered for publication in the Catalan Environmental Law Journal (*Revista Catalana de Dret Ambiental*).

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