

International Conference on
**Climate Change Law & Litigation:
States' Obligations under International Law**

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Call for Papers

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Although climate change is a core concern for humankind, State action on resilience building, adaptation, and mitigation is short, at both the international and the domestic level. To fill that gap, academics, practitioners, and courts have stepped in and, with their limited means, have tried to flesh out States' obligations under international law (under or beyond the UNFCCC legal complex) and assess what are the judicial means available to enforce such climate change-related obligations.

The purpose of this conference is to assess States' international obligations on the preservation of a healthy atmosphere and a stable climate, as well as their international obligations resulting from an unstable and unpredictable climate pattern.

To that end, the organizers encourage the participation of scholars and practitioners in the fields of climate change law and litigation, as well as from other scientific fields related to or impacted by climate change events. We welcome the submission of papers on this general theme, including the following topics:

- Climate change and human rights
- Climate change and the law of the sea
- Cross-regime interaction
- The role of science in judicial dispute settlement
- Freedom of speech and science/climate change denial
- States' extraterritorial jurisdiction to regulate and/or to enforce climate change law
- States' extraterritorial responsibility and/or jurisdiction for climate change-related events
- Separation of powers and the role of courts in adjudicating climate change-related cases
- Loss and damage
- *Ex ante* and *ex post facto* responsibility for excessive GHG emissions (including States' shared responsibility)
- Financial mechanisms to cope with climate change
- Prospects for future treaty negotiations or climate litigation
- Geoengineering

Following the conference, participants will be invited to submit a final paper for publication in an edited monograph, subject to double-blind peer review.

Submission and Selection of Papers

Interested practitioners and scholars (including early career researchers and Ph.D. candidates) are invited to submit an abstract of about 500 words, in English or French, by **15 March 2023** at the latest, at the following email address:

[\[lisbonclimateconference@gmail.com\]](mailto:lisbonclimateconference@gmail.com)

Submissions should include a *curriculum vitae*, with email and institutional affiliation, and should indicate current ESIL membership status.

The abstracts will be assessed by the programme committee on the basis of:

- Originality and the innovative nature of the work;
- Relevance to the overall conference theme;
- Coherence of panels and the conference as a whole;
- The ESIL Statement of Principles on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion.

Only one abstract per person will be considered, but joint submissions are admitted.

Selected participants will be informed by April 10th, 2023.

Confirmed participants are expected to provide a draft of their conference papers no later than one week before the conference.

Travel and accommodation expenses are **not** covered by the organization.