





## Summer Programme on International and European Environmental Law: *Making it Work*

**Confirmed Speaker:** 

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## Lecture

The Real Value of the Paris Agreement

The Paris Agreement undoubtedly forms a milestone in the fight against climate change. It sets the framework for the first long-term global common action against greenhouse gas emissions, by both developed and developing countries. The coming period up to 2020 will tell whether the structure and rules of the new treaty form a workable framework to tackle climate change and keep the global temperature rise well below 2C above pre-industrial levels. One of the first challenges in this respect will be to strengthen the commitments of the parties, as the combined effect of their current contributions would bring up the temperature far more than 2°C.



## **Biography**

Leonardo Massai is Legal Advisor to the Coalition for Rainforest Nations where he provides direct counsel, assistance, advice and training to rainforest nations on international environmental law, climate change governance, climate compatible development plans and multilateral negotiations. Since 2001 he is directly involved in the UNFCCC negotiations. Massai is also Senior Lecturer of EU Law, International and EU Environmental Law, Climate Change Law, Human Rights and Environment at the Catholic University of Lille in France. Since 2014, he is Alternate Member of the Enforcement Branch to the Compliance Committee of the Kyoto Protocol, where he will serve until 31 December 2017. In 2015 he co-founded the start-up Climalia, specialist consulting, communications and digital application company providing high level expertise in climate change adaptation, mitigation and risk management.

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