



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

Confirmed Speaker:

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Lecture

The effectiveness of international environmental law and non-binding instruments

The lecture will focus on the analysis of the treaties and non-binding instruments (soft law instruments) which solve environmental problems, which are effective and efficient (e.g. Montreal Protocol and/or the Aarhus Convention) and on those which fail and the reasons why. The presentation will also deal with treaties which contain soft obligations although they are binding (e.g. the Paris Agreement). Soft law will be also analysed, how it influences the development of international environmental law, international decision making and how it can act as a 'stepping stone' and 'harden' into binding norms. In this context the Stockholm and Rio Declarations will be discussed.



Biography

Malgosia Fitzmaurice holds a chair of public international law at the Department of Law, Queen Mary University of London. She specialises in international environmental law, treaties, indigenous peoples and Arctic law and has published widely on these subjects. Professor Fitzmaurice lectures widely in the United Kingdom, Europe (Sorbonne, Pantheon) and the United States (Berkeley Law School and the New York University School of Law) and participates in many international conferences. In 2001 she delivered the Hague Academy lecture on the International Protection of the Environment. She is the Editor in Chief of the *International Community Law Review*, Brill Publishers, Martinus Nijhoff (first issue published in 2006) and Editor-in-Chief of a book series 'Queen Mary Studies in International Law' published by Martinus Nijhoff Publisher (Brill). She published in 2015 a monograph *Whaling and International Law* (Cambridge University Press).

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