

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

29 August – 2 September 2016

Note: Introductory lectures on international and European environmental law are provided online for participants with a non-legal background, or those who want to refresh their knowledge.

Day 1 Monday 29 August Setting the scene		
9.00 – 9.15	Registration	
9.15 – 9.30	Official opening	<p>Dr Wybe Th. Douma Senior Researcher</p> <p>Steffen van der Velde Researcher</p> <p>T.M.C. Asser Instituut</p>
9.30 – 10.45	<p>The effectiveness of international environmental law and non-binding instruments</p> <p>This introduction will deal with various factors that can determine the success or failure of binding and non-binding international regimes aimed at protecting the environment or promoting sustainable development.</p>	<p>Prof. dr Malgosia Fitzmaurice</p> <p>Professor of Public International Law</p> <p>Queen Mary University of London</p>
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 – 12.15	<p>The effectiveness of European environmental law and non-binding instruments</p> <p>This lecture will look at how European environmental law works in practice and how it sets the scene for the EU Member States and for others. The use of non-binding recommendations and voluntary agreements, instead of or combined with legislation, will also be discussed.</p>	<p>Jens Hamer</p> <p>Senior Audit Manager Unit EU Affairs, International Organisations and Institutions</p> <p>German Supreme Audit Institution</p>

12.15 - 13.15	Lunch	
13.15 - 14.45	<p>The ICJ adjudication of environment related cases</p> <p>In further preparation of the visit to this UN institution, this lecture will take a closer look at environment related ICJ disputes like Costa Rica v. Nicaragua on the construction of roadworks near their borders, Australia v. Japan on whaling and Argentina v. Uruguay on paper mills.</p>	<p>Prof. dr Malgosia Fitzmaurice</p> <p>Professor of Public International Law</p> <p>Queen Mary University of London</p>
14.45 - 15.00	Coffee break	
15.00 - 17.00	<p>The real value of the Paris Agreement</p> <p>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 2°C 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.</p>	<p>Leonardo Massai</p> <p>Lecturer and Policy Adviser</p> <p>Catholic University Lille & Legal and Coalition for Rainforest Nations</p>
18.00	Opening Dinner	

Day 2 Tuesday 30 August		
9.15 - 10.45	<p>The EU system of adjudicating environmental cases</p> <p>This lecture will address both the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) and the member states' national courts roles in adjudicating environmental cases. Notably, the possibility to impose large fines if states fail to implement or apply EU environmental norms, and the manner in which the CJEU deals with norms of international environmental law will be touched upon.</p>	<p>Jens Hamer</p> <p>Senior Audit Manager Unit EU Affairs, International Organisations and Institutions</p> <p>German Supreme Audit Institution</p>
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee break	

11.00 – 12.30	<p>Promotion of sustainable development by the European Union through trade</p> <p>This lecture will look at the duty to integrate sustainable development aspects in trade agreements as laid down in the EU treaties, and notably at the sustainable development chapters in existing trade agreements and in the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).</p>	<p>Dr Wybe Douma Senior Researcher T.M.C. Asser Instituut</p>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 15.00	<p>The Aarhus Convention: monitoring compliance with environmental law</p> <p>The innovative compliance system will be the focus of this lecture, with features that in many aspects could serve as an example for other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).</p>	<p>Lorenzo Squintani Assistant Professor University of Groningen</p>
15.00 – 15.15	Coffee break	
15.15 – 16.45	<p>The EU on its way to a circular economy</p> <p>This lecture will address how the revised EU plans for a transition towards a circular economy are to boost competitiveness and foster sustainable economic growth. Could these plans work?</p>	<p>Lorenzo Squintani Assistant Professor University of Groningen</p>

Day 3 Wednesday 31 August		
9.15 – 10.45	<p>Sustainable financing</p> <p>This lecture will focus on sustainable financing. Private and public financing institutions and pension funds can play an important role in the protection of the environment and the transition towards sustainability. Which instruments do they use and do these suffice?</p>	<p>Anton van Elteren Senior Environmental & Social Analyst The Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)</p>
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 – 12.30	<p>The EU perspective on Paris 2015 and the future of the EU's Emissions Trading System</p> <p>The EU has been on the forefront of a binding climate agreement in Paris, but its own Emissions Trading System is not functioning optimal as an instrument to lower</p>	<p>Jacob Werksman Principal Adviser DG-CLIMA European Commission</p>

	greenhouse gas emissions. What line of action is envisaged to make Paris work in the EU and in developing countries?	
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 - 15.30	<p>Climate Change Workshop “Making the Paris Climate Agreement Work”</p> <p>Representing different (groups of) countries, the participants will defend positions on how to make the Paris Climate Agreement work, and will try to come to an agreement on this, under the lead of an actual climate change negotiator.</p>	<p>Leonardo Massai</p> <p>Lecturer and Policy Adviser</p> <p>Catholic University Lille & Legal and Coalition for Rainforest Nations</p>
15.30 - 15.45	Coffee break	
15.45 - 17.15	<p>The Urgenda case</p> <p>The Urgenda verdict in first instance determined that the Dutch state needs to step up its fight against climate change. It sparked a fierce debate on the role of the judiciary versus that of the legislature. In this lecture, various legal aspects of this case will be examined.</p>	<p>Prof. Marjan Peeters</p> <p>Professor of Environmental Policy and Law</p> <p>Maastricht University</p>

Day 4 Thursday 1 September 2016		
9.15 - 10.45	<p>Implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</p> <p>The SDGs form the follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) after their 2015 deadline. Questions addressed will be: what do the SDGs encompass, how will they be realised, and what is the role of non-state actors and of the High Level Political Forum?</p>	<p>Hugo von Meijenfeldt</p> <p>Coordinator Implementation Global Goals</p> <p>The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 - 12.30	<p>Biodiversity and trade in endangered wildlife</p> <p>The application in practice and enforcement of internationally agreed rules on biodiversity and trade in endangered wildlife seems to be the largest challenge where this topic is concerned. The best way forward towards more effective enforcement will be among the topics discussed.</p>	<p>D.P. van Uhm</p> <p>Assistant Professor in Criminology</p> <p>Willem Pompe Institute for Criminal Law and Criminology, Utrecht University</p>

12.30 - 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 - 14.30	Europol and the fight against environmental crime	Werner Gowitzke Seconded National Expert Environmental Crime Europol, The Hague
15.00 - 17.00	Study visit International Court of Justice	
17.30	Networking reception organised by the municipality of The Hague	

Day 5 Friday 2 September 2016		
10.00 - 11.00	Non-state actors, environment and sustainable development Having discussed the various regimes in the course of the week, this lecture will focus on the role of non-state actors. How can they contribute to the protection of the environment and promotion of sustainable development? What role does the European Environmental Bureau play in this respect?	Pieter de Pous Policy Director European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
11.00 - 12.30	Better regulation in the EU Following up on the previous lecture, the EU efforts to improve the functioning of European environmental law (EEL) will be examined. Notably, the manner in which EEL is evaluated and improved, and the horizontal 'Make it Work' project on monitoring and reporting will be dealt with.	Pieter de Pous Policy Director European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 - 15.00	Sustainable water management This lecture will examine different aspects of sustainable water management, focusing <i>inter alia</i> on the challenges in setting up regimes that satisfy the needs of various stakeholders, principles of water management and institutional aspects.	Prof. dr Joyeeta Gupta Professor of Environment and Development in the Global South Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam

		and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education in Delft
15.00 – 15.15	Coffee break	
15.15 – 15.45	Wrap-up Session Lessons learned and the way forward	Dr Wybe Th. Douma Senior Researcher Steffen van der Velde Researcher T.M.C. Asser Instituut
15.45 – 16.45	Written Evaluation	
16.45 – 17.15	Certificate Ceremony	
17.15 – 18.15	Reception	

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