

Legal Advisory Opinions Shaping Climate Action and Human Rights Annual Conference

NNHRR Working Group on Human Rights & the Climate Crisis
Leiden University College (LUC)
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Programme

[25 October 2025]

5 November

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When	Where	What
17.00-19.00	Auditorium (room 2.21) Anna van Buerenplein 301, The Hague	Film screening “Yumi - The Whole World”  <i>Advance registration is required for non-LUC visitors.</i>

6 November		
When	Where	What
9.30-11.00	Auditorium (room 2.21)	<u>Opening Plenary</u> Chair: Otto Spijkers "A word of welcome" Giles Scott-Smith, Dean of the Leiden University College (LUC) Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh, Maria Antonia Tigre, and Fons Coomans
11.00-11.20	2 nd floor	Coffee break
11.20-13.00	Auditorium (room 2.21)	<u>Parallel session 1: Healthy environment</u> Chair: Patricio Trincado Vera 1. Corina Heri: <i>Originalist Intent Versus Evolutive Interpretation: Interpreting Rights in The Age of Climate Change</i> 2. Jed Odermatt: <i>Emerging Climate Norms and the Courts</i> 3. Irene Miano: <i>The Impact of The Proceedings of The Advisory Opinion on The Obligations of States in Respect of Climate Change on The Right to A Healthy Environment</i> 4. Luisa Netto and Otto Spijkers: <i>The Status of The Right to A Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment Under General Customary International Law</i> 5. Tracey R Kanhanga: <i>The Right to a Healthy Environment: Perspectives from International Climate Change Advisory Opinions</i>
11.20-13.00	Room 3.05	<u>Parallel session 2: Climate litigation: techniques and approaches</u> Chair: Anneloes Kuiper-Slendeboek 1. Diana Odier-Contreras Garduno: <i>Strategic Use of International Advisory Opinions in Domestic and Regional Climate Litigation.</i> 2. Hazhar Jamali: <i>Caution and Silence: The ICJ's Approach to Extraterritorial Human Rights Obligations in the Climate Context</i> 3. Olga Szkodzinska: <i>Criminal by Nature? Legal Advisory Opinions as an Answer to the Environmental Question in International Criminal Justice</i> 4. Estelle Valentine Irambona: <i>Business, Human Rights, and the Environment after the ICJ Advisory Opinion: An Analysis of European Corporate Due Diligence Frameworks</i> 5. Mosopefoluwa Akinrinmade: <i>Should Protection and Accountability Co-Exist? Bridging The Gap in the Evolving Doctrines of Non-Refolement and Corporate Liability in Climate Change Law</i>

13.00-14.00	2 nd floor	Lunch provided by LUC Community Kitchen
14.00-15.40	Auditorium (room 2.21)	<u>Parallel session 3: The Advisory Opinions in Context</u> Chair: Samuel Ballin 1. Crisela Bernardino: <i>Decolonizing International Law: Tensions between the Global South's Case for Climate Justice and the International Courts</i> 2. Juan Auz: <i>The Absence of Climate Coloniality in Advisory Opinions: Precluding Structural Reparations?</i> 3. Yasmine Rugarli, Zsófia Rába, and Letícia Rosar Mori: <i>Reimagining State Responsibility for Climate Justice through Indigenous Epistemologies</i> 4. Cristy Clark: <i>Climate Advisory Opinions and Posthumanism</i> 5. Valerio Sinaj: <i>A New Avenue for Climate Change Victims?</i>
14.00-15.40	Room 3.09	<u>Parallel session 4: Reparations and Future Generations</u> Chair: Marlies Hesselman 1. Sally Thin: <i>Lost in Time? The Absence of Reparations for Historic GHG Emissions in Climate Advisory Opinions</i> 2. Maren Solmecke: <i>Balancing Accountability – The Principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities in Loss and Damage</i> 3. Jie Ouyang: <i>Of What I am Part: A Communitarian Reading of Intergenerational and Ecological Justice</i> 4. Prune Lladser: <i>Are the Absent Always Wronged? Future Generations as Rights Holders in the Advisory Opinions of the ICJ and the IACtHR</i> 5. Simon Waswa and Christina Eckes: <i>Future Generations and Democratic Accountability in Climate Litigation</i>
14.00-15.40	Room 2.16	<u>Parallel session 5: Cross-fertilization between opinions of Inter American Court on Human Rights and International Court of Justice</u> Chair: Monique van Cauwenberghe 1. Manrique Naranjo Chavarria: <i>The Jus Cogens Obligation Not to Cause Irreversible Climate and Environmental Harm in the Inter American Human Rights System: Implications for Deep-Sea Mining and the Duty to Cooperate for a Precautionary Moratorium</i> 2. Nguyen The Duc Tam and Tran Thi Kim Nguyen: <i>Daoist Ecology and the Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR) on Rights of Nature: Has Dao (道) Found Its Way to the Courtroom?</i> 3. Patricio Trincado Vera: <i>'Advisory Opinion OC-32/25 v. Contentious Case-Law: The paradoxical development of</i>

		<i>the Right to a Healthy Environment in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights' jurisprudence'</i> 4. Diego Ernesto Sanchez Borjas: <i>Advisory Opinions and United Nations Treaty Bodies (UNTB): Are UNTB Pronouncements Shaping the Interplay between Climate Change and Human Rights Obligations?</i>
15.40-16.00	2 nd floor	Coffee break
16.00-17.00	Auditorium (room 2.21)	<u>Closing Plenary</u> Chair: Julie Fraser Nico Schrijver, Anneloes Kuiper, Otto Spijkers & Patricio Trincado Vera
17.00-18.00	Coasters bar on first floor	Drinks