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Biodiversity & Biosafety Programme

Dr. Claudia Ituarte-Lima



Dr. Claudia Ituarte-Lima has specialized on environmental law (biodiversity and climate law) and human rights in theory and practice for the past twenty years. She examines major legal and governance challenges on environmental justice and the transformation of international law into new governance forms that support healthy ecosystems and people's wellbeing. Her methodology ranges from case studies and collaborative research in Latin America, Southeast Asia and Eastern Africa, to legal analysis examining the interactions of international legal regimes. Her synergizing experiences include having worked in academia, civil society organizations and government. Claudia is a researcher fellow at Stockholm University, senior researcher at Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and visiting scholar at University of British Columbia. (PhD University College London and MPhil University of Cambridge).

Natural Resources Programme

Dr. Ilaria Espa



Dr. Ilaria Espa is Assistant Professor of International Economic Law at USI Lugano, Senior Research Fellow and Lecturer at the WTI and at the University of Milan. Formerly awarded a Marie Curie fellowship from the European Commission for her post-doctoral studies, Ilaria was a member of the NCCR Trade Regulation Programme from 2013 until 2017, in addition to acting as Scientific Coordinator of the WTI Doctoral Programme.

Climate Change Programme

Prof. Dr. juris Christina Voigt



Prof. Dr. juris Christina Voigt is professor at the Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo, Norway. Professor Voigt is an expert in international environmental law. She works in particular on legal issues of climate change, biodiversity conservation, environmental multilateralism and sustainability.

Trade, Investment & Finance Programme

Dr. Avidan Kent



Dr. Avidan Kent is a Senior Lecturer in International Law at the University of East Anglia (UEA). Dr. Kent is the Founder and Convenor of UEA's International Law Research Group. He has written/edited books, reports, journal articles and chapters on a varied list of topics, including International Economic Law (mostly Investment Law and WTO Law), international courts, International Environmental Law, Public Participation and Climate-Induced Migration.

Human Rights Programme

Prof. Dr. David Boyd



Prof. Dr. David R. Boyd is an environmental lawyer, an Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia's Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability, the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment, and author of ten books, including *The Rights of Nature* and *The Optimistic Environmentalist*.

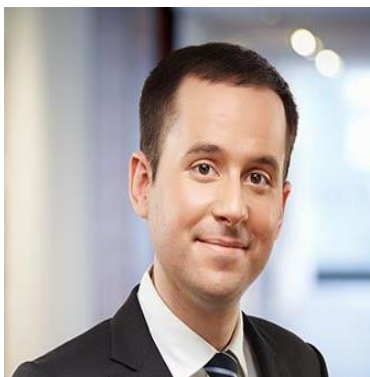
Peace, Justice & Governance Programme

Mr. Wayne Garnons-Williams & Mr. Patrick Reynaud



Wayne Garnons-Williams is Plains Cree from Treaty 6, Moosomin First Nation, the founding President of International Inter-tribal Trade Organization, Senior Lawyer and Principal Director of the law firm Garwill Law Professional Corporation and leads an international business entitled Indigenous Sovereign Trade Consultancy Ltd. specializing in Tribal Trade and Sustainable Economic Development. He is past Chair of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Appeal Tribunal and is on the board of directors of both the International Council of the Great Lakes Region and Capacity Canada. He is also a Research Fellow specializing in International Comparative Indigenous law at the University of Oklahoma, College

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Patrick Reynaud is a senior associate at Torys LLP. Patrick is an expert and practices in the area of tax law, including tax law relating to charitable organisations. Patrick has also acted as a Program Specialist in Sustainable Development and Environmental Law for the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), an Intergovernmental Organisation based in Rome. Patrick has also been involved as a legal specialist for local NGOs in developing countries, focusing on property rights and freedom of expression.