



Natural Resources, the Sustainable Development Goals and International Law

Leverhulme Lecture & Distinguished Experts Dialogue Event Programme

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University of Cambridge and International Law Association

17:00 Initiation of Online Event & Vice-Chancellor's Welcome

Moderators: Adv Freedom-Kai Phillips and Adv Fabiana Piccoli Araujo Santos, University of Cambridge
Welcoming Address: Professor Stephen Toope, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge.

17:05 Chair's Welcome and International Law Association Opening Remarks

Chair: State Councillor Professor Nico Schrijver, Professor Emeritus of Public International Law at Leiden University & Chair of the International Law Association Committee on the Role of Sustainable Resources Management for Development (2012-2020).

Opening Remarks: Rt Hon Lord Jonathan Mance, Baron Mance, Chair of the International Law Association and former Deputy President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.

17:12 Introduction of Lecturer from Bennett Institute for Public Policy, University of Cambridge

Introduction: Professor Diane Coyle, Co-Director of the Bennett Institute for Public Policy, University of Cambridge.

17:15 Leverhulme Trust Lecture: Advancing Sustainable Natural Resources Governance through International Law

Leverhulme Lecture: Professor Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professor in the University of Cambridge; Full Professor of Law in the University of Waterloo, Canada; Senior Director of the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) & Rapporteur of the ILA Committee on the Role of International Law in Sustainable Resources Management for Development (2012-2020).

Concluding Remarks: Professor Ilaria Espa, Professor of the Swiss Italian University, CISDL Lead Counsel for Natural Resources and Host of the ILA Committee on the Role of International Law in Sustainable Resources Management for Development 2020 Conference.

17:45 Distinguished Experts Dialogue

The Dialogue takes place in a roundtable format, starting three key focus questions on which a few distinguished international guest experts each have agreed to kindly give a few brief 2-3 min opening thoughts, prior to exchanges among themselves, the ILA Committee member experts, and the audience (via the Zoom Moderators through the Q&A function). The audience is invited to contribute their questions by typing their name, country and affiliations into the Q&A along with their questions.

Focus Questions: In these challenging times, if the SDGs offer a common global public policy agenda for more sustainable natural resources governance, how can they be supported by binding international treaty regimes?

Dr. Amy Fraenkel, Secretary-General of the Convention on Migratory Species

Dr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
Expert Members of the ILA Sustainable Natural Resources Committee and Special Guests

How can international instruments incentivize sustainable trade and investment in natural resources, and what is the role of international dispute settlement?

Professor Jorge Vinuales, Harold Samuel Chair of Law and Environmental Policy, and founder of the Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Governance (CEENRG) in the University of Cambridge

Professor Thomas Cottier, Professor Emeritus at the University of Bern, former Managing Director of the World Trade Institute and GATT/WTO Panel Member

Adv Wendy Miles QC, Vice-President of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce and a Chair of the UNFCCC COP26 Climate Law & Governance Initiative

Expert Members of the ILA Sustainable Natural Resources Committee and Special Guests

How could new directions for international legal research and education help to ensure more sustainable governance of natural resources, worldwide and on the ground?

Dr. Ilaria Bottiglierio, Director of Research and Learning of the International Development Law Organization

Dean Susan Breaux of the University of Victoria Faculty of Law

Expert Members of the ILA Sustainable Natural Resources Committee and Special Guests

18:40 Questions and Answers from Online Audience

18:55 Thanks & Closing Remarks

Closing Remarks: HE Judge Tomas Heidar, Vice-President of the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea.





Natural Resources, the Sustainable Development Goals and International Law

Leverhulme Lecture & Distinguished Experts Dialogue Event Outline

Complex, inter-linked ‘wicked problems’ of climate change, natural resources degradation, drought and hunger, terrestrial and marine ecosystem collapse and species extinction, and worldwide health pandemic risks, among others, have been warned by scientists and civil society, with increasing urgency over recent decades. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) offer a common global environmental, social and economic public policy agenda, supported by binding international treaty obligations and regimes.

This Leverhulme Trust, Lecture and Distinguished Experts Dialogue on 17 March 2021 engages leading international jurists and academics and renowned natural resources management experts to share insights and identify new directions for natural resources management and the global Sustainable Development Goals, guided by international law and policy.

After a welcome from [Professor Stephen J Toope](#), Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, this special ‘evening/lunch’ online event is chaired by the [Rt. Hon Professor Nico Schrijver](#), Professor Emeritus of Public International Law of the University of Leiden Law School, State Councillor in the Netherlands Council of State and former President of the International Law Association. [Rt Hon Lord Jonathan Mance](#), Baron Mance, former Deputy President of the United Kingdom Supreme Court and Chair of the International Law Association worldwide, has kindly agreed to give opening remarks.

Laying foundations for discussion, the online **Leverhulme Lecture**, opened by [Professor Diane Coyle](#) Co-Director of the Bennett Institute for Public Policy, University of Cambridge, shall be provided by [Professor Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger](#) as Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professor at the University of Cambridge. She is also Senior Director, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL); Full Professor of Law in the University of Waterloo, Canada; author of *Sustainable Development Law* (OUP), *Sustainable Development in International Courts and Tribunals* (Routledge) and other volumes; laureate of the 2020 HE Judge CG Weeramantry International Justice Award; and Rapporteur of the ILA Committee on the Role of International Law in Sustainable Resources Management for Development. [Prof. Ilaria Espa](#), Professor at the Swiss Italian University in Lugano and Senior Research Fellow at the World Trade Institute, who hosted the final ILA Committee conference leading to the Guidelines, shall provide the lecture closing thanks.

The feature is a **Distinguished Experts Dialogue** between respected international judges, expert professors of international law, heads of international treaty secretariats and international institutes in the field of law, public policy and sustainable development. It is an honour to be able to welcome [Dr Kent Nnadozie](#), Executive Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; [Dr Amy Fraenkel](#), Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species at the United Nations; [Professor Jorge Vinuales](#), Harold Samuel Professor of Law and Environmental Policy of the University of Cambridge; [Dean Susan Breau](#), Dean of Law from University of Victoria Faculty of Law; [Adv Wendy Miles QC](#), a Vice President of the International Chamber of Commerce Court of Arbitration and Chair of the UNFCCC CoP26 Climate Law and Governance Initiative; [Professor Thomas Cottier](#), former Managing Director of the World Trade Institute and Professor Emeritus at the University of Bern; and [Dr Ilaria Bottigliero](#), Director of Research and Learning at the International Development Law Organization, among other special expert guests, to discuss recent challenges and innovative developments in the sustainable management of natural resources globally and on the ground, and the implications of the new ILA Guidelines on the Role of International Law in Sustainable Natural Resources Management for Development.

These invited expert speakers will be joined in the dialogue by renowned members of the International Law Association's Committee which actually drafted the Guidelines, highly qualified jurists from over thirty different countries whose insights shall be deeply appreciated. ILA Committee member experts who have agreed to participate as intervenors 'inside the firewall' include, for instance: [Dr Fabiano de Andrade Correa](#), CISDL Lead Counsel for Peace, Justice and Governance Programmes; [Prof. Yongmin Bian](#), Professor and Director of the Department of International Law, UIBE Law School; [Dr Leopold von Carlowitz](#), Senior Adviser, German Development Agency, GIZ Sector Programme Extractives for Development; [Dr Daniëlla Dam-de Jong](#), Associate Professor at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University; [Dr Trevor Daya-Winterbottom](#), Associate Professor and Deputy Dean, Te Piringa - Faculty of Law, University of Waikato; [Prof. Ilaria Espa](#), Professor at USI Lugano and Senior Research Fellow at the World Trade Institute; [Prof Paolo Davide Farah](#), Associate Professor at West Virginia University, Eberly College, John D. Rockefeller IV School of Policy and Politics (USA) and Distinguished Professor of Law at Beijing Foreign Studies University Faculty of Law (China); [Prof. Ximena Fuentes](#), Associate Professor of Public International Law at the University of Chile; [Dr. Markus Gehring](#), Fellow and Director of Studies in Law at Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge; [Prof. Alexandra Harrington](#), Executive Director of the Center for Global Governance & Emerging Law, Albany Law School; [Prof. Stephan Hobe](#), Professor for German Public Law, European Law and Public International, Director of the Institute of Air Law, Space Law and Cyber Law, Director at Law Centre of European Integration Cooperation, University of Cologne; and [Dr. Kamal Hossain](#), former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh.

Further ILA Committee intervenors also include, for instance: [Dr Barbara Janusz-Pawletta](#), Vice-Rector on International Cooperation, German-Kazakh University; [Adv Erick Kassongo Kalonji](#), Executive Director of the Centre Congolais pour le Droit du Développement Durable; [Dr. Guy-Jules Kounga](#), CISDL Associate Fellow and Researcher, University of Yaounde Cameroon; [Prof. Konstantia Koutouki](#), Professor of Law, Université de Montréal; [Prof. Erjon Muharremaj](#), High Judicial Council of Albania, Lecturer at the University of Tirana, Albania; [Prof. Cymie Payne](#), Rutgers University Law School and Dept. of Human Ecology; [Adv Frederic Perron-Welch](#), Doctoral Fellow at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Faculty of Law at Leiden University; [Dr Leticia Sakai](#), Conventions on Higher Education, Education Sector UNESCO; [Dr Werner Scholtz](#), Head of School and Professor of Global Environmental Law, Southampton Law School; [Dr Arie Trouwborst](#), Associate Professor of environmental law, Tilburg University; [Prof. Christina Voigt](#), Professor in the

Department of Public International Law, University of Oslo, and Co-Chair of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee; [Dr Kuan-Hsiung Wang](#), Professor of the Graduate Institute of Political Science, National Taiwan Normal University; and [Prof. Friedl Weiss](#), Emeritus at the Department of European, International Law and Comparative Law, University of Vienna.

The event will be closed by [HE Judge Tomas Heidar](#), Vice-President of the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), who has graciously agreed to provide his own hopeful remarks, based on the experience of Iceland, on the importance of sustainable natural resources development within the framework of international law.

This series of open public Leverhulme Lectures raises complex, inter-linked 'wicked problems' of climate change, drought and hunger; natural resources mismanagement; terrestrial and marine ecosystems degradation and rising global poverty and injustice. It considers how the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) offer a common global public policy agenda, supported by binding international legal principles and rules derived from treaty regimes, interpreted by courts and tribunals. In the present lecture, experts consider how international law, including dispute settlement, can foster more sustainable management of the world's fragile resources, advancing new directions for research, education and practice in this field. Nearly 1,400 people have already registered, from a wide diversity of backgrounds, including judges, ministers, professors, senior practitioners, civil society and business leaders, key government and international officials, university and college students and members of the public.

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Biographies

Chair

State Councillor Professor Nico J. Schrijver is Professor Emeritus of Public International Law at Leiden University, and former Academic Director of the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies. Currently, he serves as State Councillor, Division of Legislation, in the Council of State of the Netherlands, a judge ad hoc in a Special Chamber of ITLOS and member of the Curatorium of The Hague Academy of International Law. He is former Senator in the Dutch House of Parliament, where he served as the chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Development Co-operation, and leader of the Dutch delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europa. Nico Schrijver is also member of the Institut de Droit International since 2007 and served as its president during 2017-2019, and member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. During 2010-2012 he served as the president of the worldwide International Law Association and during 2008-2016 he was a member and vice-chair of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Since 1995 he is visiting professor of The European Union and Co-operation with Developing Countries at the Université libre de Bruxelles. His books include *Sovereignty over Natural Resources. Balancing Rights and Duties*, *The Evolution of Sustainable Development in International Law*, and *Development Without Destruction. The UN and Global Resource Management*.

Welcome, University of Cambridge

Vice-Chancellor Professor Stephen J. Toope, OC, LL.D, PhD (Cambridge), AB (Harvard), BCL/LLB(McGill), Vice-Chancellor, University of Cambridge, is a distinguished scholar and academic leader. His academic interests lie in international law, human rights, international environmental law, and international legal theory. His books include *Legitimacy and Legality in International Law: An Interactional Account* and *After the Paris Attacks: Responses in Canada, Europe, and Around the Globe*; his articles regularly feature in leading international journals. He served as the Chair and Rapporteur of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances; Former Chair of the Board of Universities Canada and President of Canada's Federation for the humanities and Social Sciences; Previous consultant to Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Canadian International Development Agency, and many other United Nations' agencies. Among the distinctions he has received are the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal and the John Read Medal of the Canadian Council of International Law.

Opening Remarks, International Law Association

The Rt Hon Lord Jonathan Mance, Baron Mance, is former Deputy President of the United Kingdom's Supreme Court. He sat from 1993 to 1999 as a Commercial Judge, was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 1999, and to the House of Lords in 2005 where he spent four years as a Law Lord before becoming a Justice of the Supreme Court on its formation in 2009 and its Deputy President in 2017-2018. Since joining 7 King's Bench Walk, Lord Mance has been appointed in a wide range of arbitrations (in a majority of cases as sole arbitrator or chair, but also as a wing arbitrator) under ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL and ICSID Rules and ad hoc in fields including insurance/reinsurance, energy, joint venture, construction and investment. Lord Mance is currently Chair of the International Law Association, Chair of the Conduct Committee of the House of Lords, and a member of the Judicial Integrity Group (responsible for the Bangalore Principles on Judicial Conduct). He also sits as an appellate judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court and is Chief Justice of the Astana International Commercial Court. He was, among others, a founder director of the Bar Mutual Indemnity Insurance Fund Ltd and chaired various Banking Appeals Tribunals.

Introduction, Bennett Institute for Public Policy

Professor Diane Coyle, CBE, LLD, PhD (Harvard), BA (Oxford), Professor Diane Coyle is the inaugural Bennett Professor of Public Policy at the University of Cambridge. Diane co-directs the Bennett Institute where she heads research under the themes of progress and productivity, and has been a government adviser on economic policy, including throughout the covid-19 pandemic. Her latest book, *'Markets, State and People – Economics for Public Policy'* examines how societies reach decisions about the use and allocation of economic resources. Diane is also a Director of the Productivity Institute, a Fellow of the Office for National Statistics, an expert adviser to the National Infrastructure Commission, and Senior Independent Member of the ESRC Council. She has served in public service roles including as Vice Chair of the BBC Trust, member of the Competition Commission, of the Migration Advisory Committee and of the Natural Capital Committee. Diane was Professor of Economics at the University of Manchester until March 2018 and was awarded a CBE for her contribution to the public understanding of economics in the 2018 New Year Honours.

Lecture of Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professor

Professor Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, DPhil (Oxon), MEM (Yale), BCL&LLB (McGill), BA Hons (Carl/UVic), FRSA is Leverhulme Visiting Professor, University of Cambridge; Senior Director, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law; Executive Secretary, UNFCCC CoP26 Climate Law & Governance Initiative; Rapporteur of the ILA Committee on the Role of Sustainable Resources Management for Development (2012-2020) and an award-winning expert jurist and professor of law and governance in the field of sustainable development. Author/editor of 22 books, including *Sustainable Development Law* (OUP) and *Sustainable Development in International Courts and Tribunals* (Routledge); also the Cambridge University Press Series on *Sustainable Development Treaty Implementation*; and over 80 papers, Professor Cordonier Segger also serves on the editorial boards of five law journals. She is a full professor of international law at the University of Waterloo, Canada; chairs several experts commissions and the Future Board of Bit Bio, an award-winning Cambridge biomedical firm; and as former senior civil servant, International Development Law Organization senior legal expert; and general counsel to UN and IUCN treaties, advises countries on implementing climate change, biodiversity, natural resources, trade and investment accords related to sustainable development. She is also Fellow in Law / Graduates Director of Studies in Lucy Cavendish College; Visiting Professor of Bennett Institute for Public Policy; co-founder and Fellow of the Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance (CEENRG) and the Hughes Hall Centre for Climate Change Engagement (CCCE); Affiliated Fellow of Lauterpacht Centre for International Law; and Laureate of the Justitia Regnorum Fundamentum Prize, the HE Judge CG Weeramantry International Justice Award and other honours.

Conclusion of Lecture

Professor Ilaria Espa, Dr Iur (Bocconi University), MA (LUISS), BA (LUISS), is Senior Assistant Professor of International Economic Law at USI Lugano, Senior Research Fellow at the World Trade Institute (WTI) in Bern and Adjunct Professor at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan. She is furthermore Lead Counsel of the Natural Resources Programme of the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) since 2021. Formerly awarded a Marie Curie fellowship from the European Commission for her post-doctoral studies (2013-2015), Ilaria was a member of the WTI-based NCCR Trade Regulation Programme (2013-2017) and also an Adjunct Professor at the Department of Environmental Science and Policy of the University of Milan (2015-2020). She served as a member of the ILA Committee on the Role of International Law for the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources for Development (2014-2020) and was conferred the 2020 CISDL International Legal Specialist in Natural Resources Award. She is an elected member of the Executive Council of the Society of International Economic Law and the Secretary-General of the Swiss Energy Law Association.

Closing Remarks

H.E. Judge Tomas Heidar, B.A. & LL.M. (Iceland), has been a Member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) since 2014 and serves as Vice-President of the Tribunal since October 2020. He was President of the Chamber for Fisheries Disputes 2017-2020. He is a Member of the Special Chamber formed to deal with the *Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Mauritius and Maldives in the Indian Ocean (Mauritius/Maldives)*. From 1996-2014, he served as Legal Adviser of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland, attaining the rank of Ambassador. As such, he was responsible for all matters of public international law, in particular the law of the sea. Judge Heidar is also Director of the Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland and Co-Director of the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy. He lectures at the University of Iceland and many other universities and institutions around the world, such as University College London, Queen Mary University of London, the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea Summer Academy in Hamburg and the Yeosu Academy of the Law of the Sea. He has also taught law of the sea at the United Nations Regional Course in International Law in Ethiopia. Judge Heidar has published a number of articles and books in the field of the law of the sea and recently edited *New Knowledge and Changing Circumstances in the Law of the Sea* (Brill Nijhoff, 2020).

Distinguished Experts Dialogue

Invited Experts

Dr. Ilaria Bottigliero is the Director of Policy, Research and Learning at International Development Law Organization. Prior to joining IDLO, Dr. Bottigliero was Lecturer and Researcher at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden, and at the Lund University Faculty of Law, teaching a variety of human rights courses. Dr. Bottigliero has extensive specialized expertise in victims' rights, gender and international criminal justice.

Dr Susan Breau is Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Victoria, in British Columbia, Canada. She was the Head of the School of Law at the University of Reading, UK from 2014-2018, and has a distinguished record of achievement as a researcher, teacher and administrator.

Professor Thomas Cottier is the former Managing Director of the World Trade Institute and WTO Panellist and is now Professor Emeritus of European and International Law at the University of Bern. He has served as a member or chair of several GATT and WTO panels and currently serves as one of the ten arbitrators for the Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement (MPIA). He held several positions in the Swiss External Economic Affairs Department and was the Deputy-Director General of the Swiss Intellectual Property Office. He is the President of the Swiss Energy Law Association.

Dr Amy Fraenkel is the Executive Secretary of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals. She has over 30 years of experience in international environmental law and policy. She has held senior positions in UN agencies, the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. Government, and the private sector.

Wendy J. Miles, QC, LL.M. (Canterbury), BA LLB (Canterbury), Barrister and Solicitor, Twenty Essex, Vice President of the ICC Court of Arbitration, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Co-Chair of the task force on Arbitration of Climate Change Related Disputes, is a specialist in international arbitration and dispute resolution with a focus on private and public international law. She regularly publishes articles in prominent international law journals, often focusing on in the link between Climate Change, Policy and Finance. She has advised a wide range of multinationals, including corporates,

sovereign States, State Entities and multilateral State organisations. She is special advisor Nigel Topping, the UK Government High Level Champion on Climate Action; acts as global coordinating counsel for major corporates in relation to climate change transition, disclosure, reporting, compliance and investment.

Dr Kent Nnadozie is the Secretary of the International Treaty. Prior to his appointment as Secretary, he was the Senior Officer of the International Treaty, overseeing various technical areas of the Programme of Work of the Secretariat. Over the last decade, Mr Nnadozie has worked on legal and policy matters and intergovernmental processes, with both the International Treaty and FAO's Commission for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. Before joining FAO, Mr Nnadozie was in private legal practice and academic research. He has extensive practical experience in related international processes and legal instruments.

Professor Jorge E. Viñuales holds the Harold Samuel Chair of Law and Environmental Policy at the University of Cambridge and is the founder and former Director of the Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance (C-EENRG). He is also a Member of the Institut de Droit International, the Chairman of the Compliance Committee of the UN-ECE/WHO-Europe Protocol on Water and Health, the co-General Editor of the ICSID Reports (CUP), the General-Editor of the Cambridge Studies on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Governance (CUP).

ILA Distinguished Experts

Professor Yongmin Bian is a Professor and Deputy Dean of the Law School, University of International Business and Economics, and a Research Fellow of the CISDL. She obtained her Bachelor of Law and a Master of Law from China University of Political Science and Law, Postgraduate Diploma of International Law and Organizations for Development from Erasmus University, and Ph.D in Law from University of International Business and Economics.

Professor Pierre Bodeau-Livinec is Professor of Public Law at the University Paris Nanterre (CEDIN) and Director of Studies of the International Law Association.

Dr Daniëlla Dam-de Jong is Associate professor at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies at Leiden University. Her monograph *International Law and Governance of Natural Resources in Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations* (CUP, 2015) has received a research prize by the Foundation Praemium Erasmianum. Daniëlla is a member of the IUCN WCEL Specialist Group on Peace, Security and Conflict.

Dr Fabiano de Andrade Correa is a Lead Counsel at CISDL Peace, Justice and Governance Programmes. He is a lecturer and qualified lawyer (Brazilian Bar Association), and international consultant with extensive experience with different IGOs supporting the implementation of international agreements and the strengthening of national legal frameworks, with a particular focus on climate change, biodiversity, environmental law and policy, land, human rights, trade and responsible investments.

Dr Trevor Daya-Winterbottom FRGS is an Associate Professor and Deputy Dean in Te Piringa - Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato, New Zealand, where he researches and teaches environmental law and public law. Internationally, he is the New Zealand Member of the ILA Committee on Sustainable Resource Management, and is the Deputy Chair of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law.

Professor Ilaria Espa, Dr Iur (Bocconi University), MA (LUISS), BA (LUISS), is Senior Assistant Professor of International Economic Law at USI Lugano, Senior Research Fellow at the World Trade Institute (WTI) in Bern and Adjunct Professor

at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan. She is furthermore Lead Counsel of the 'Natural Resources' Programme of the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) since 2021.

Professor Paolo Davide Farah is an associate professor at WVU in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, part of the John D. Rockefeller IV School of Policy and Politics. He was an international consultant and legal advisor for projects implemented for the UNDP, for the Italian Ministry of Economic Development and Commerce and for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. He is an elected board member of the European Society of International Law, chair of the ESIL Interest Group on International Environmental Law

Professor Ximena Fuentes, Associate Professor of Public International Law at the University of Chile. She serves as the National Director of Boundaries and Border Areas of the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She is the Agent of the Republic of Chile in the case concerning the Status and Use of the Waters of the Silala (Chile v. Bolivia), ICJ. She acted as legal adviser of the Government of Chile. She is Vice-President of the Chilean Society of International Law and participated in investor-State arbitrations (ICSID) as off Counsel at Chilean law firm Álvarez Hinzpeter Jana.

Dr Markus Gehring is University Lecturer in the Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge and an Expert in the Centre for European Legal Studies (CELS). He serves as Lead Counsel for Sustainable Trade, Investment and Finance Law at CISDL. He held a Jean Monnet Research Chair *ad personam* in Sustainable Development Law at the University of Ottawa Law Faculty in Canada. He is a Founding Fellow of the C-EENRG and an Associate of the Centre for Climate Mitigation Research (4CMR). He is a member of the Frankfurt/Main and Ontario Bars, and he practiced European and international trade law with Cleary Gottlieb in their Brussels office.

Professor Alexandra Harrington is Research Director of the CISDL and an Assistant Professor of Law at Albany Law School. She is a Director of Studies for ILA Colombia and has held two Fulbright terms at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, focusing on global governance issues. The author and co-editor of several books, including the forthcoming International Law and Global Governance: Treaty Regimes and Sustainable Development Goals Interpretation, she routinely advises international organizations and governments on legal and governance issues.

Professor Stephan Hobe is the director of the Institute of Air Law, Space law and Cyber Law as well as co-Director of the International Investment law Centre Cologne. He is the Vice President of the German Society of International Law. His scientific Oeuvre encompasses 3 books on Public International Law (11th ed. 2020), European Law (10th ed. 2020) and Space Law (1st ed. 2019) as well as editorships (e.g. of the Cologne Commentary on Space Law).

Dr Kamal Hossain is a Barrister-at-Law and Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. He is Member of the Advisory Council of Transparency International and was a member of the Parliament. He was Member of the UN Compensation Commission and UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights Situation in Afghanistan. He has served on the Human Rights Mission to Indonesia and the Hong Kong Pre-Election Mission with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs.

Dr Barbara Januz-Pawletta is a Vice-Rector on International Cooperation at the German-Kazakh University (DKU) and the co-editor of the Journal of the Central Asian Journal of Water Research (CAJWR). She has a membership at the Technical Committee of the Global Water Partnership (GWP) On behalf of DAAD, she is building up the regional MA Program on Integrated Water Management in Central Asia at DKU in Almaty. She is a UNESCO Chairholder for water management in Central Asia.

Mr Erick Kassongo Kalonji is an Executive Director of the Centre Congolais pour le Droit du Développement Durable (CODED). He is a legal researcher fellow at CISDL, a Former Expert Member of the Working Group on extractive

industries of the African Commission and a Former Staff Attorney at Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide ELAW-US. He was an attorney for 19 years in the DRC National Bar, assisting forest communities dealing with loss of land and resources.

Mr Guy Jules Kounga serves as a legal technical adviser for GIZ Cameroon, in charge of supporting the Cameroonian Government to draft environmental and forestry law and regulations. He worked as a legal researcher and associate fellow for CISDL Biodiversity Programme. He has worked with the IDLO and WWF, and he holds a Gold Medal during the COP 22 Global Climate law and Governance Essay Competition. He is currently a Ph.D candidate at the University of Yaoundé 2, Cameroon.

Professor Konstantia Koutouki is a Professor of law at the Université de Montréal, President of ILA-Canada and Senior Director of the Nomomente Institute. Her research examines the links between international trade, intellectual property, and environmental protection. She has first-hand experience with Indigenous and local communities around the world, where she has spent much time as a guest and researcher.

Professor Charles Marvin is Emeritus Professor of Law at Georgia State University and former Legal Advisor to Government of Kazakhstan on revising its Administrative Code; Director, Admin. Law Reform, Canadian Dept. of Justice (1983-1985); and Coordinator, Administrative Law Reform, Law Reform Commission of Canada.

Professor Erjon Muharremaj is a member of the High Judicial Council of Albania, a Lecturer of Public International Law at the University of Tirana, Albania. He is a Guest Lecturer of European Law, School of Magistrates, Tirana, Albania. Treasurer of the Albanian International Law Association. He is the Former Executive Director of the European Centre and serves as UNDP, UNICEF, and OSCE legal expert.

Professor Cymie Payne is an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Ecology at Rutgers University and the School of Law – Camden. She is an appointed member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources' Commission on Environmental Law (IUCN-CEL). She has appeared as legal counsel before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and has practiced international, natural resource and environmental law with the United Nations, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the law firm of Goodwin, Procter.

Mr Frederic Perron-Welch is an international environmental lawyer and PhD Candidate/Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellow at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies of the Faculty of Law at Leiden University. He is a Legal Research Fellow in Biodiversity and Biosafety Law at the CISDL and a Junior Visiting Fellow at the Department of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID).

Dr Leticia Sakai, Graduated in the Law School of the University of Sao Paulo and holding a Ph.D. in International Public Law from the Sorbonne University, she had professional experience as an attorney, researcher and professor and since 2010 has been working at the international multilateral level mainly at the United Nations system. She is currently working at the Education Sector of UNESCO since 2015 on Conventions on Higher Education.

Professor Werner Scholtz (PhD, Leiden) is the Head of School and Professor of Global Environmental Law of Southampton Law School. His current research focuses on the consequences of the increasing importance of animal welfare for international environmental law. He has held several honorary positions at Higher Education Institutes in South Africa, the United Kingdom and Germany, and he is an Alexander von Humboldt fellow.

Dr Britta Sjöstedt is Senior Lecturer at Lund University focusing the law of armed conflict, international environmental law and the use of force. She is currently involved in a project, which examines the use of international law in regard to peacebuilding activities aiming at restoring and protecting the environment.

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