

Legal Specialist Award Recipients 2022



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Biodiversity Programme

Prof Hugo Echeverria, Universidad Central de Ecuador, Ecuador



Prof Hugo Echeverria is a Lawyer and professor holding a Doctor of Jurisprudence, and Master of Laws from McGill University. He is a member of the International Association of Constitutional Law, and Co-chair Research Group on Rights of Nature. His research focuses on institutions of environmental law, constitutional aspects of environmental law, environmental legal responsibility and environmental criminal law.

Climate Change Programme

Prof Francesco Sindico, University of Strathclyde, Scotland



Prof Francesco Sindico, University of Strathclyde is Reader in International Environmental Law at the University of Strathclyde Glasgow, Law School where he is the Co-Director of the [Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance](#). Francesco is active in international dispute settlement advising governments before the International Court of Justice. He provided [technical support to Scottish Government](#) in the implementation of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 and is coordinating the [Climate Change Litigation Initiative \(C2LI\)](#), which builds on an edited book titled "Comparative Climate Change Litigation: Beyond the Usual Suspects" that will be published in 2020. Francesco has also submitted a monograph on "International Law and Transboundary Aquifers" and is co-editing a book on the "Transformation of Environmental Law and Governance: Innovation, Risk and Resilience"

Health Programme

Prof Brigit Toebes, University of Groningen, The Netherlands



Prof. mr. dr. B.C.A. (Brigit) Toebes is a legal scholar with twenty-five years of experience in the international standards protecting health, with a strong emphasis on the role of human rights in health promotion and disease prevention. Currently involved in the discussion about 'global health law' as an emerging branch of public international law. Recent research themes include the NCD pandemic and the regulation of behavioural risk factors (in particular smoking and unhealthy diets), the regulation of vaccination, and the role of law in socio-economic health inequalities. In 2013, Prof. Toebes was awarded a Rosalind Franklin Fellowship at University of Groningen Faculty of Law, which led to her appointment in the Chair Health Law in a Global Context in 2018.

Human Rights Programme

Prof Rebecca Bratspies, City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law, USA



that have been used in classrooms around the world to bring environmental literacy to the next generation of environmental leaders.

Prof Rebecca Bratspies is a Law Professor at the City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law, where she is the founding Director of the [Center for Urban Environmental Reform](#). She is an internationally recognized expert on environmental justice, and the human right to a healthy environment. Professor Bratspies has written scores of law [review articles](#), op-eds, and other publications including four books. Her most recent book [Environmental Justice: Law Policy and Regulation](#) is used in schools across the country. Bratspies is perhaps best known for her environmentally-themed comic books [Mayah's Lot](#) and [Bina's Plant](#), made in collaboration with artist Charlie LaGreca-Velasco,

Natural Resources Programme

Prof Barbara Janusz Pawletta, German-Khazak Univ



[Water Research \(CAJWR\)](#), has written more than 35 research publications, among others:

Dr. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta is vice-president on International Cooperation at [the Kazakh-German University \(DKU\)](#), a member at the Technical Committee of the Global Water Partnership (GWP), UNESCO Chairholder for water management in Central Asia, a member of the International Law Association, and Affiliate of International Water Law Academy. Dr. Janusz-Pawletta obtained her doctorate in law at the Freie Universität in Berlin. Her teaching and research fields cover legal frameworks and institutional interstate cooperation including the water, climate, land and energy nexus. She is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of [the Central Asian Journal of](#)

Peace, Justice & Governance Programme

Dr Ilaria Bottigliero, IDLO



Dr. Ilaria Bottigliero is the Director of Policy, Research and Learning at IDLO. Her responsibilities include oversight of IDLO's publications, research and learning portfolio, as well as of the thematic areas of expertise on gender, climate justice and health law. In her role, she guides the IDLO Research and Learning department in producing high-level, targeted research, expert knowledge products, identification and analysis of trends in the rule of law and justice sector; contributes to programmatic work with specialized pilot initiatives, quality control of research and policy outputs at the program level; and encourages learning and innovation both internally and externally through knowledge sharing and learning activities, including events, participation in

global debates, dissemination of research and production of lessons learned and resources. 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

Trade and Investment Law Programme

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Prof Javiera Caceres is an instructor at the Universidad de Chile, where her research focuses on international trade and investment. She holds a BA from the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, and an MA in International Strategy and Trade Policy from the University of Chile.