

Friday 5 March 2010

Workshop

Distributional choices in climate policies

The international negotiations for reaching an inclusive and effective agreement for the reduction of greenhouse gases and the protection against the damaging effects of climate change are more than cumbersome. Building confidence into the international legal framework and successful bottom up national developments will be crucial for effective climate protection.

From a legal perspective, one would aim to seek for objective and transparent criteria that could guide the international and national decision-making process for developing climate laws. The PhD thesis delivered by Javier de Cendra de Larragan regarding *Distributional choices in EU climate law and policy* aims to enhance the debate on such criteria, not only for internal EU climate policy choices but also for the EU climate policy positions that affect the rest of the world.¹

On Friday 5 March, Javier de Cendra will present main challenges for EU climate policy as concluded in his thesis, after which three presentations will follow:

- Mr Jürgen Lefevere, European Commission, will give an EU perspective on the distributional choices in the climate negotiations;
- Prof. Daniel Farber, Berkeley Law (USA) will discuss the American view on the challenges for building international and national climate change laws;
- Prof. René Lefeber, University of Amsterdam, will start from an international perspective, and will discuss the issue of compliance with the Kyoto Protocol commitments seen from the principle of CBDR, the prominent distributive principle of international law.



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PROGRAMME

- 9.00 Coffee / tea
- 9:30 Prof. dr. Marjan Peeters, Maastricht University
Opening of the workshop
- 9:35 mr. Javier de Cendra LL.M, Maastricht University
Distributional choices in the climate regime: critical challenges for the EU
- 10.00 mr. Jürgen Lefevere, Policy Coordinator - International Climate Negotiations, European Commission
Distributional choices in the climate negotiations: an EU perspective
- 10:30 Questions/ discussion
- 10:45 Break (coffee / tea)
- 11:00 Prof. dr. Daniel Farber, Sho Sato Professor of Law, Director, Environmental Law Program, Berkeley Law, University of California
The USA perspective on developing climate regulations in view of distributional aspects
- 11.30 Questions, Discussion
- 11.45 Prof. René Lefeber, Professor of International Environmental Law, University of Amsterdam, and vice-chair to the Enforcement Branch of the Compliance Committee to the Kyoto Protocol
Compliance with the Kyoto Protocol and the principle of CBDR
- 12:15 Questions / discussion
- 12:30 End of the workshop