

Ius Commune Conference 2021

Workshop: Environmental Law

Friday, 26 November (14.00 – 17.00)

Theme: Coherence of Regulatory and Implementation Approaches Serving Societal Transitions towards Sustainability

Workshop Theme

Making a serious attempt to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, society faces the need for transitions in several policy domains. Climate change, population growth and loss of biodiversity are threats to our current way of living and the planet as a whole. Incremental improvements or even radical change might be necessary to realize transformations towards a more sustainable society. Well-known examples of necessary transformations are the energy transition, the food or agricultural transition, the transition to a circular economy and a transition needed to use and protect natural resources in a more sustainable and equitable way.

However, it becomes clear that these transitions will influence each other and several until now siloed ways of regulation in sectoral policy fields. The same goes for decision making in specific cases and the judgments of the courts. Also a rather new phenomena as the Nexus approach (for example the Water, Energy and Food Nexus) requires alignment of policies and regulations and coordinated or integrated implementation of policies in practice.

Presentations

Each participant has been allocated a 15 minutes' time slot, which includes the time for giving your presentation and receiving questions. We recommend that your presentation *not exceed 10 minutes* so that you have at least 5 minutes to answer questions and/or receive feedback. Since all participants have received a copy of your abstract in advance of the workshop, we ask that you streamline your presentation in line with the workshop theme as far as possible. There will be time after all presentations have been given for a longer discussion amongst all workshop participants.

Workshop location

Please note that the workshop will take place *online via Zoom*, you will receive a link via email.

Chair: Dr. Anoeska Buijze (Utrecht University)

14.00 – 14.15

Prof. Dr. Marleen van Rijswijk (Utrecht University)

Welcome and Introduction to Workshop Topic

14.15 – 14.30

Haomiao Du (UCWOSL, Utrecht University)

Building a Legal Framework for Climate Neutrality: A Comparison between the EU and China

14.30 – 14.45

Ida Mae de Waal (Utrecht University)

Coherence in EU Chemicals, Product and Waste Legislation: A Means to Stimulate the Transition towards a Circular Economy?

- 14.45 – 15.00 **Nicola Harvey** (Utrecht University)
When Law and Science Collide: Reconciling Contemporary Approaches to Sustainable Resource Governance with the Inherent Qualities of Law
- 15.00 – 15.15 **Katharina Luckner** (Hamburg University), **Anna Kovács** (Erasmus University Rotterdam) & **Anna Sekuła**
Beyond Courts: Does Strategic Litigation Affect Climate Change Policy Attitudes?
- 15.15 – 15.30 **Coffee break**
- 15.30 – 15.45 **Xiheng Chen** (Sun Yat-sen University/Maastricht University)
Internal Integration as a Prerequisite for External Integration: A Critical Reflection on the Use of BAT under the IED
- 15.45 – 16.00 **Martijn van Gils** (Utrecht University)
Reducing CO2 Emissions from Dutch Peatlands: Challenges for an Effective and Coherent Approach
- 16.00 – 16.15 **Dr. Marta Santos Silva** (Maastricht University)
Green Nudges as an Alternative Regulatory Approach to Sustainability
- 16.15 – 16.30 **Dr. Anoeska Buijze** (Utrecht University)
Summary of Key Themes Across Presentations and Introduction of Points for Discussion
- 16.30 – 16.55 **Prof. Dr. Marleen van Rijswijk & Dr. Anoeska Buijze** (Utrecht University)
Open Discussion with Participants Discussion
- 16.55 – 17.00 **Prof. Dr. Marleen van Rijswijk** (Utrecht University)
Closing