

Ius Commune Conference 2023

Workshop: Environmental Law 2023 Seeking for Success Stories in Times of Environmental Crisis

Thursday, 11 May (14.00 - 18.00)

Room 10, 11, 12

Participants

More than fifty years after the Stockholm Declaration on the Human Environment, and 25 years after the conclusion of the Aarhus Convention, the global & European environment is still under immense pressure. The environmental crisis the world faces is aptly expressed by a new term for the era we live in: the Anthropocene. While in the last centuries industrial revolution and technological innovation, together with globalisation and international trade, have brought along benefits to many people (though certainly not to all), humanity faces serious environmental problems, ranging from, to mention a few, biodiversity loss, industrial & agricultural pollution, plastic soup, and climate change.

If we define the discipline of environmental law as the body of law aiming to protect the environment in an effective, efficient and just way, the description of the discipline is as such short and simple to comprehend, but the underlying problems are manifold and often utterly complex. Moreover, too often weak governmental and corporate policies, and limited access to courts to enforce environmental obligations, exist. Still, the good news is that law, in principle, has the potential to provide important steering power in order to prevent and restore environmental degradation, if it is designed and applied in the right way. It is from this perspective this workshop seeks to discuss existing and potential success stories in the field of environmental law in order to address pertinent environmental problems.

The specific focus goes – as always in this research group – to European and national environmental law, but there is ample room to include international law developments as well.

Each speaker will present for about 15 to 20 minutes, after which discussion will follow.

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Opening

What defines Success in Environmental Law?

Michael Faure (Maastricht University)

International Environmental Law – What success 51 Years after Stockholm?

Margretha Wewerinke-Singh (University of Amsterdam)

What are Success Factors for Flood Management, and can They be Re-used?

Marleen van Rijswick & Herman Kasper Gilissen (Utrecht University)

Coffee break

Market-based Instruments: A Success?

Josephine van Zeben (Wageningen University)

Climate Litigation: How to define Its Success?

Julien Bétaille (University of Toulouse)

The Aarhus Convention: Time for a Party?

Marjan Peeters (Maastricht University)

Final discussion