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Legal Responses to Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss: Global to Local

This two-day Conference will bring together legal experts, scholars, and institutional representatives to explore current and evolving legal responses to climate change and biodiversity loss. The years 2024 and 2025 mark a pivotal moment in the international legal framework addressing these issues, particularly regarding States' obligations to protect climate-dependent ecosystems for present and future generations.

The conference will also celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Maritime Safety and Security Law Journal, a diamond open-access scientific publication in the field of the law of the sea, now indexed in Scopus: www.marsafelawjournal.org

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Welcome and Introductory remarks

H 9:30

Gemma Andreone, *Director, Institute for International Legal Studies, CNR*

Registration of participants

Salvatore Capasso, *Director, Department of Human and Social Sciences, Cultural Heritage, CNR*

Stefano Zanini, *Head of the Service for Legal Affairs, Diplomatic Disputes and International Agreements, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*

Representative of the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Italy

Welcome Coffee

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Celebrating 10 years of the Maritime Safety and Security Law Journal

H 9:30

Haritini Dipla, *University of Athens*

Gemma Andreone, *Editor in Chief, MarSafeLaw Journal, CNR ISGI*

Andrea Caligiuri, *Editor, MarSafeLaw Journal, University of Macerata*

Yitong Chen, *Editor, Marine Development, Ocean University of China*

Ludovica De Benedetti, *Editorial assistant, MarSafeLaw Journal*

Valentina Rossi, *Advisory Board, MarSafeLaw Journal, CNR IRISS*

Coffee break

Panel 1:

H 10:45 - 12:30

The role of international courts in addressing climate change

Chair: **Giuseppe Cataldi**, *AssIDMer, University of Naples L'Orientale*

The ITLOS Advisory opinion on climate change and international law

Ida Caracciolo, *International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, University of Campania "L. Vanvitelli"*

The ICJ opinion on the obligations of states in respect of climate change

Philippe Gautier, *International Court of Justice, Catholic University of Louvain*

The IACtHR Advisory opinion on climate emergency and human rights

Gianfranco Nucera, *University of Rome La Sapienza*

The ECtHR: climatizing human rights law: the judgement of the ECtHR in the case *Klimaseniorinnen* and beyond

Haritini Dipla, *University of Athens*

Q&A

Lunch Break

Panel 2:

H 14:00-16:30

Litigating climate change and biodiversity loss: national developments

Chair: **Philippe Gautier**, *International Court of Justice*

Litigating climate change in the Netherlands: what's next after Urgenda?

Otto Spijkers, *University of Leiden*

Climate change and biodiversity loss litigation in France

Anne Sophie Martin, *CNR ISGI*

Climate change litigation in Italy: state of the art and challenges ahead

Chiara Venturini, *University of Rome UnitelmaSapienza*

Trends in climate change litigation: a Chinese perspective

Nanxiang Sun, *Institute of International Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences*

The situation in the UK (and other common-law experiences) regarding climate-change litigation or biodiversity-loss litigation

Monica Fera-Tinta, *Barrister at Twenty Essex, UK*

Q&A

Panel 3:

H 10:45 - 12:30

Evolving approaches to cope with climate change and biodiversity loss

Chair: **Ida Caracciolo**, *ITLOS, University of Campania "L. Vanvitelli"*

Climate change and sea-level rise: progress and challenges at the International Law Commission

Giuseppe Nesi, *International Law Commission, University of Trento*

Global shipping and climate change: the IMO's strategy to cut GHG emissions

Lorenzo Schiano di Pepe, *University of Genova*

Climate change, biodiversity and social justice in China: policy, innovation and global role

Jing Luo, *Institute of Chinese Borderland Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences*

Cultural perspectives on biodiversity in the ocean governance

Danilo Garcia, *Universidad Central del Ecuador*

Q&A

Lunch Break

Panel 4:

H 14:00 - 16:30

Tackling climate change and biodiversity loss under international law of the sea

Chair: **Tullio Scovazzi**, *University of Milano-Bicocca*

Protecting the ocean environment: UNCLOS and the interpretative criterion of systemic integration

Roberto Virzo, *University of Messina*

The exploitation of the Area: threat or opportunity for climate change?

Guillaume Le Floch, *University of Rennes*

Integrating climate change into global ocean governance: a Chinese perspective

Yitong Chen, *Ocean University of China*

Due Diligence obligations under UNCLOS: navigating the conduct - result dichotomy in the context of ocean climate change

Zhonghua Chen, *Ghent University*

Facing biodiversity loss in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction: the BBNJ agreement and its entry into force

Giovanni Ardito, *Editor, MarSafeLaw Journal*

Q&A