

4th Durham Energy Disputes Conference
11-12 July 2025
Hogan Lovells Lecture Theatre, Durham Law School

DAY 1:

11 July 2025

09:30-10:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
10:00-10:10	<u>Welcome Address</u> Prof. Volker Röben Dr. Rahmi Kopar
10:10-11:30	<u>Panel 1: The Legal Architecture of Energy Markets: Contracts, Sustainability, and Responsibility</u> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liebrich Hiemstra- <i>Market manipulation in wholesale energy markets: a decade of REMIT</i> • Shashi Kant Yadav- <i>Can the EU achieve Net Zero despite characterising investments in certain fossil fuel projects as sustainable?</i> • Leigh Hancher- <i>The new draft EU measures on Russian gas contracts: phasing out is hard to do?</i> • Ylli Dautaj- <i>CSR in energy contracts: eat the cake and have it too</i> • Lorenzo Cotula- <i>Energy transition, international economic law and industrial strategies in mineral-rich low and middle-income countries</i>
11:30-11:50	Coffee/Tea Break
11:50-13:10	<u>Panel 2: International Investment Law at a Crossroads: Trends, Tensions, and Transformations</u> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rahmi Kopar Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahnaz Malik- <i>Codes, contracts and treaties in mining disputes</i> • Ursula Kriebaum- <i>Investment arbitration and energy disputes</i> • Aikaterini Florou- <i>The increasing international responsibility of the European Union in fields of shared competence: Lessons from the Energy Charter Treaty</i> • Claudia Wortmann- <i>Legitimate expectations or great expectations? Interpretations of the fair and equitable treatment standard in energy investment arbitration.</i>

13:10-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:20	<p><u>Panel 3: Newborn & Reborn: Nuclear, Hydrogen, Critical Minerals, and the Technologies of Transition</u></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ylli Dautaj <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruven Fleming- <i>EU Hydrogen Regulation: same old or new approaches?</i> • Kimberly Nick- <i>New approaches to nuclear energy and nuclear law</i> • Milton Fernando Montoya- <i>Critical minerals in Latin America: opportunities for energy transition and litigation risks</i> • Shantanu Kanade- <i>Carving-Out space in investment treaties for governance of critical minerals</i> • Tade Oyewunmi (ONLINE)- <i>Investing in carbon capture technologies and Net-Zero pathways in the US and EU: recent legal and policy considerations.</i>
15:20-15:40	Coffee/Tea Break
15:40-17:00	<p><u>Panel 4: Energy Arbitration Revisited</u></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Holohan <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oliver Hailes- <i>Two roads diverged: environmental and sunset clauses in energy investment arbitration</i> • Jaroslav Kudrna- <i>Czech solar cases: a case for ISDS reform?</i> • Gilberto Guerrero- <i>LATAM respondent repeat player in investment-arbitration in the OGM sectors</i> • Makuta Manty Mara- <i>Energy investment arbitration: between investor protection and domestic rule of law in the global south</i>
19:00-21:00	Conference Dinner at Durham Castle

DAY 2:
12 July 2025

09:30-10:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
10:00-10:10	<u>Day Opening</u> Prof. Volker Röben Dr. Rahmi Kopar
10:10-11:30	<u>Panel 1: Bridging the Gap: Human Rights, Energy Justice, and the Road to Net Zero</u> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volker Röben Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daria Shapovalova- <i>Decarbonising fossil fuel regions: the role of law and planning for a just transition.</i> • Matilda Adedoyin Chukwuemeka (ONLINE)- <i>Achieving environmental justice through legal reforms for renewable energy development in Nigeria</i> • Philip Oamen- <i>Energy poverty and socioeconomic rights: framing energy as a human rights issue</i> • Jacqueline Wang- <i>From policy patchwork to legal foundation: exploring China's new energy law in the carbon neutrality era</i> • Damilola S. Olawuyi (ONLINE)- <i>Critical minerals and just transition</i>
11:30-11:50	Coffee/Tea Break
11:50-13:10	<u>Panel 2: What Happens at Sea Stays at Sea: Navigating Recent Developments in Offshore Renewables</u> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smith Azubuike Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui- <i>Norway vs Greenpeace at the EFTA Court: Scope 3 emissions and offshore energy licensing</i> • Kerem Korkut- <i>Regulating climate change and energy transition in a mature offshore oil and gas region: the case of the North Sea</i> • Leyla Karayilan and M. Towsif Hasan- <i>Legal perspectives on Caspian boundary disputes, Shah Deniz, and energy transit governance</i>

13:10-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:20	<p><u>Panel 3: From Transit Routes to Territorial Tensions: Global Perspectives on Energy Disputes</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rahmi Kopar <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edwin Vanderbruggen- <i>Energy disputes in developing countries: some lessons from the trenches in South and Southeast Asia</i> • Stefan Radojcic- <i>EU environmental policy at stake: emerging environmental dispute concerning radioactive waste disposal between Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina</i> • Alptekin Cihangir İşbilir- <i>Prospective implications of Azerbaijan-Armenia peace for energy security in the Caspian Basin</i>