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**The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)**

*are pleased to invite you to attend*

### ***The Road to COP 26/CMA 3 Preparatory Lecture Series***

The 26<sup>th</sup> Climate Change Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 26) as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 3) are scheduled to be held in Glasgow, United Kingdom, from 1 to 12 November 2021. COP 26/CMA 3 are expected to bring together thousands of government officials, members of civil society businesses, and other experts. While much advancement has been made since the adoption of the Paris Agreement in 2015, the implementation of the Paris Agreement requires continued and co-ordinated action by States. The upcoming COP 26 will provide an important opportunity for States to put forward ambitious actions in order to meet the temperature goals in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement.

In 2015, States had agreed to prepare new or updated nationally determined contributions (NDCs) to be communicated in 2020, to demonstrate their increased levels of ambition. During the 2018 Conference of Parties in Katowice, COP 24, the 'Paris Agreement Rulebook' was adopted. This represents an important milestone: The Paris Agreement Rulebook comprises essential guidance for Parties for the effective operationalization of the provisions of the Paris Agreement. However, some unfinished business remains, such as the guidance on cooperative market and non-market approaches under article 6 of the Paris Agreement, as well as agreement on common timeframes for NDCs.

In preparation for COP 26, the Centre for International Law-NUS, Durham Law School and the IUCN WCEL are pleased to offer a series of lectures by leading experts in climate change law on

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This monthly series of lectures will provide an expert overview of the key issues that will be discussed during COP 26/CMA 3, in the context of past COPs and the UNFCCC/Paris Agreement legal framework. The lecture series is aimed at government officials, academics, NGOs and others who will be attending or are interested in COP 26/CMA 3. This series will offer expert insight into the working mechanisms and procedure of climate change COPs, how they function and what to expect from COP 26/CMA 3 from specific issues that are on the agenda.

## LECTURE PROGRAMME

1. **26 FEBRUARY 2021, 9:00 (MST) / 16:00 (London) / 00:00 (SGT)**  
***Road to Paris and Glasgow***  
By **Daniel Bodansky**, Professor of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law  
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2. **30 MARCH 2021, 9:00 (EST) / 14:00 (London) / 21:00 (SGT)**  
***Financial and Funding Mechanisms under the Climate Regime***  
By **David Freestone**, George Washington University Law School. Former Deputy General Counsel, The World Bank  
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3. **9 APRIL 2021, 10:00 (EUROPE CET) / 17:00 (SGT)**  
***Accountability in the Paris Agreement (Transparency and Compliance)***  
By **Christina Voigt**, Professor of Law, University of Oslo, Department of Public and International Law  
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4. **28 MAY 2021, (EST) / 10:00 (London) / 18:00 (SGT)**  
***The Paris Agreement Rule Book: Adding a Glasgow Chapter to the Katowice Package***  
By **Petra Minnerop**, Associate Professor of International Law, Durham University, Durham Law School  
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5. **18 JUNE 2021, 10:00 (London) / 18:00 (Beijing)**  
***Advancing Technology Development and Transfer under the Paris Agreement***  
By **Stephen Minas**, Associate Professor, Peking University School of Transnational Law and Vice-Chair of the UNFCCC Technology Executive Committee  
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6. **2 JULY 2021, 12:00 (London) / 17:00 (Dhaka)**  
**The perspective of the Least Developed Countries on Loss and Damage from climate change**  
**Dr Saleemul Huq**, Director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCAD) and Professor at the Independent University Bangladesh (IUB)  
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By **Lavanya Rajamani**, Professor of International Environmental Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford  
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**Daniel Bodansky** is a Regents' Professor at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University. He served as Climate Change Coordinator at the U.S. State Department from 1999-2001 and as attorney-adviser from 1985-1989. Prior to joining the ASU faculty in 2010, he taught at the University of Washington School of Law and held the Woodruff Chair of International Law at the University of Georgia. His book, *The Art and Craft of International Environmental Law*, received the 2011 Sprout Award from the International Studies Association as the best book that year in the field of international environmental studies. His latest book, *International Climate Change Law*, coauthored with Jutta Brunnée and Lavanya Rajamani, was published by Oxford University Press in June 2017, and received the 2018 Certificate of Merit from the American Society of International Law as the best book in a specialized area of international law published the previous year. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, served on the Board of Editors of the *American Journal of International Law* from 2001-2011, and is a graduate of Harvard (A.B.), Cambridge (M.Phil.) and Yale (J.D.).

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**David Freestone** is a Professorial Lecturer and Visiting Scholar at George Washington University Law School in Washington D.C. teaching International Climate Change Law. He is also the Executive Secretary of the Sargasso Sea Commission. He is the founding Editor in Chief of the *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law* (now in its 36th year). From 1996-2008 he worked at the World Bank in Washington DC, first as Chief Counsel of the environment and international law practice group, and then as Deputy General Counsel/Senior Adviser. He is the author/editor of some 30 books and more than 200 academic articles. His books include *International Law and Sea Level Rise*. (Brill, 2019) with Davor Vidas and Jane McAdam; *Conserving Biodiversity in Areas beyond National Jurisdiction* (Ed., Brill, 2019); *The World Bank and Sustainable Development – Legal Essays* (Nijhoff, 2012); *Legal Aspects of Carbon Trading*: (ed., with Charlotte Streck, OUP 2009). In 2008 he was awarded the Elizabeth Haub Gold Medal for Environmental Law.

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Dr. Christina Voigt is a renowned expert in international environmental law and professor of law at the University of Oslo. Professor Voigt has published widely on legal issues of climate change, environmental multilateralism and sustainability and is a frequent speaker at international and national events. From 2009-2018, she also worked as legal adviser and negotiator for the Government of Norway in the UN climate negotiations.

Professor Voigt is currently co-chair of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee. She is also chair of the Climate Change Specialist Group of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law and a member of the IUCN Climate Change Task Force.

For more information, please consult:

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**Petra Minnerop** is Associate Professor of International Law at Durham University, Durham Law School. She is the Academic Lead for COP 26 of Durham University, Co-Director of the Global Policy Institute (GPI), a fellow of the Durham Energy Institute (DEI), the Centre for Ethics in Law and the Life Sciences (CELLS) and the Institute for Hazard, Risk and Resilience (IHRR). She serves on the editorial board of the book series *Global Energy Law and Policy* (Hart publishing) and she is a member of the World Commission on Environmental Law (IUCN-WCEL). Her scholarship encompasses international, transnational and national dimensions of climate change and environmental law, as well as interdisciplinary aspects of the law/science relationship and the process of law-making at the international level. She is the author or co-author of several books and articles on climate change and international law, and has spoken at many international conferences. She is the founding Director of IRAB ([www.irab.co.uk](http://www.irab.co.uk)), an international research advisory board that spans a North-South collaborative network of leading climate experts from different disciplines, and academia as well as non-academic partner organisations. Petra is a member of the Bar in Germany and a Senior Fellow of the Advance HE, the UK's Higher Education Academy. For more information, please consult her staff profile [here](#).

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He is an expert in adaptation to climate change in the most Vulnerable developing countries and has been a lead author of the third, fourth and fifth assessment reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and he also advises the Least Developed Countries (LDC) group in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

He has published hundreds of scientific as well as popular articles and was recognized as one of the top twenty global influencers on climate change policy in 2019 and top scientist from Bangladesh on climate change science.

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Selam Kidane Abebe is an international environmental law expert and works as a legal advisor to the Africa Group Negotiators (AGN) for the negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). She led the legal and procedural negotiations of the Paris Agreement for the African Group and negotiated the rule book of the Paris Agreement. Selam is a member of the Article 15 Committee of the Paris Agreement to facilitate implementation and promote compliance with the provisions of the Agreement.

Before that, she worked for the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forest of Ethiopia, as the director of environmental law and policy department where she led the development of environmental laws, policies and climate strategies of the country.

Selam is also a Leverhulme Doctoral Scholar in climate justice at the University of Reading.

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Nilüfer Oral is Director of the Centre of International Law (CIL) at the National University of Singapore and is a member of the law faculty at Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey. She is member of the UN International Law Commission and Co-chair of the Study Group on Sea-level rise in relation to international law. She served as climate change negotiator for the Turkish Ministry (2009 – 2016). She has also appeared before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. Nilufer Oral is a Distinguished Fellow of the Law of the Sea Institute at Berkeley Law (University of California Law Berkeley); Senior Fellow of the National University of Singapore Law School; and Honorary Research Fellow at University of Dundee. She is a member of the IUCN-WCEL Steering Committee. She was elected to the IUCN Council 2012-2016 and served as the Co-chair of the WCEL Specialist Group on Oceans, Coasts and Coral Reefs. Dr. Oral is the series editor for the *International Straits of the World* publications (Brill); member of the Board of Editors of the *European Society of International Law Series*; Board of Editors of the *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law*; Associate Editor of the *Research Perspectives in the Law of the Sea* (Brill); and International Advisory Board, *Chinese Journal of Environmental Law* (Brill) She has published numerous articles edited several books, and has spoken at many international conferences.

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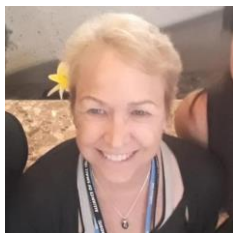
Lavanya Rajamani is a Professor of International Environmental Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, and Yamani Fellow in Public International Law at St Peter's College, Oxford. Lavanya specializes in the field of international environmental and climate change law. She has authored several books and articles in this field, including [Innovation and Experimentation in the International Climate Change Regime](#) (Hague Academy/ Recueil des Cours, 2020), and the ASIL prize-winning co-authored book, [International Climate Change Law](#) (OUP, 2017). She is also lead editor of the second edition of the [Oxford Handbook of International Environmental Law](#) (OUP, 2021). She serves as Coordinating Lead Author for the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report, and has served as a consultant and legal advisor, among others, to the UNFCCC Secretariat and Alliance of Small Island States. She was part of the UNFCCC core drafting and advisory team for the 2015 Paris Agreement, and advises governments and international organizations on matters of international climate change law and policy.

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Linda Siegele is an environmental lawyer based in the UK. She has been involved in the United Nations climate change negotiating process since 2005 with a special focus on the issues of adaptation and loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change. Linda is particularly familiar with the climate change concerns of small island developing States and least developed countries, having directly supported country delegations through the provision of strategic legal and policy advice.

In addition, Linda teaches on environmental law subjects at the post-graduate level and has conducted a number of negotiation skills training sessions for a wide range of developing country groups in Africa, the Caribbean, the Pacific and Southeast Asia. She has written extensively on a variety of environmental law topics and is currently working toward a PhD in the area of green building regulation.

Linda's degrees include a Juris Doctor and a Master of Laws. She is a native English speaker, is fluent in Spanish, speaks Russian and has studied German at the graduate level.