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15th Postgraduate Research Symposium on Environmental Law



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Session 1: Innovation in Environmental Governance

- 10:00 am Dylan Krug, LLM (Environmental & Natural Resources Law) Programme, University College Cork:
Barriers to Implementing Novel Flood Defences in Ireland.
- 10:20 am Lunfeng He, School of Law, University of Galway:
Automated Administrative Governance: Constitutional Considerations of Automated Enforcement in Environmental Regulation.
- 10:40 am Kamil Zyzik, Doctoral School of Social Sciences, University of Lodz:
Bridging Ontological Categories Legally: Ideas, Intuitions, and Social Practices Behind Environmental Personhood.
- 11:00 am Cherriesse Bema, Researcher in Energy Transitions and Environmental Law, African Leadership Centre, Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London:
Green Skies, Grey Areas: A Legal-Imaginary Analysis of Delivery Drones in Post-Brexit UK and EU Law.

11:20 am Tea / Coffee

Session 2 Challenges in Climate & Energy Governance

- 11:40 am Anyssa Fatmi, Bordeaux University & Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius:
EU Climate Law and Governance: Its (Un)Natural Contradictions.
- 12:00 pm Yuzi Wang, School of Law, University of Reading:
The Role of Forests in Climate Change Litigation.
- 12:20 pm Olajide Akinleye-Martins, School of Law, Northumbria University Newcastle:
Are Environmental Protection and Climate Policy Provisions in International Investment Agreements (IIAs) Negotiated by African States Aligned with Commitments under the Paris Agreement? [[Online](#)]

12:40 pm Yiyang Xiong, School of Law, University College Cork:
Resolving Wind and Solar Curtailment in Inner Mongolia: Renewable Energy Governance and Integration.

1:00 pm Chhaya Bhardwaj, School of Law, O.P. Jindal University / Dublin City University:
Climate Change, Migration and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. [[Online](#)]

1:20 pm Lunch

Session 3 Sustainable Use of Natural Resources

2:20 pm Siân Posy, Leverhulme Sustainable Transitions Doctoral Training Programme, School of Law, University of Essex:
Cancelling the Apocalypse: The Transformative Potential of Human Rights Degrowth Futures.

2:40 pm Charalampia Mikropoulou, Faculté de Droit et de Science Politique, Aix-Marseille Université:
From Overfishing to Sustainable Management: Individual Transferable Quotas as a Legal Instrument in Europe and Beyond. [[Online](#)]

3:00 pm Yaxing Xu, School of Law, University College Cork:
From Sustainable Development to Metabolic Justice: A Three-Generation Model for Reconstructing Circular Economy in International Law.

3:20 pm Tea / Coffee

Session 4 Materials, Wastes and Circularity

3:40 pm Rasmus Jørgensen, School of Business and Social Sciences, Aarhus University:
Construction Laws: Rule-of-Law Perspectives on the Legal Advancement of Specific Construction Projects.

4:00 pm Barbara Bokor, Research Group for Climate, Energy and Environmental Law, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen:
Corporate Engagement in Mitigating Plastic Pollution: Examining Voluntary Initiatives and EU Regulations. [[Online](#)]

- 4:20 pm Aleksandra Maria Czarnik, School of Law and Criminology, Maynooth University:
S(t)ink or Float: A Theoretical Framework for Digesting the European Union's Circular Legislative Fibre.
- 4:40 pm Catherine McFadden, Feriha Beyza Eryavuz and Tayla Cox, LL.M.
Environmental Law Clinic, School of Law, University College Cork:
Elaboration of a "Global Plastics Treaty": A Critical Analysis.
- 5:00 pm **Concluding Remarks & Close**
- 8:00 pm **Conference & Symposium Speakers' Dinner:**
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