

CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP SERIES

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Topic 4: Looking back, looking forward – can law change the climate trajectory?

DATE: 17 June 2021 | **TIME:** 17:30 – 19:00 (GMT plus 2) | **VENUE:** Zoom Meeting
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Climate change is a global crisis, which needs a global response. One way to make sure that every country does what is needed is to adopt international laws. In the last 30 years a number of international laws have been adopted to set the rules for governments across the world. But many argue that the current legal framework is not ambitious enough, and will not be, until countries move away from protecting their own vested political and economic interests when negotiating future agreements. This seminar will outline *what* the current rules are, *what* the sticking points are in negotiating a more effective legal response and the challenges that climate change poses for traditional legal approaches.



PRESENTER:

Professor Christina Voigt, Professor of Law, University of Oslo, Norway

Profile in brief of lead presenter: Professor Voigt is a renowned expert in international environmental law and international climate change law in particular. Her expertise is recognised by the fact that she has been appointed as the first co-chair of the Paris Agreement Compliance and Implementation Committee. Professor Voigt has also been the legal advisor to and a government negotiator for Norway in the UN climate change negotiations and participated in negotiating the Paris Agreement (2015) and the Katowice Rulebook for the Paris Agreement (2018).

DISCUSSANTS:

Dr Melanie Murcott, Senior Lecturer, University of Pretoria

Mr Louis Koen, Assistant Lecturer and PhD candidate, University of Johannesburg

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