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NEW SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES: THE ROLE OF COURTS

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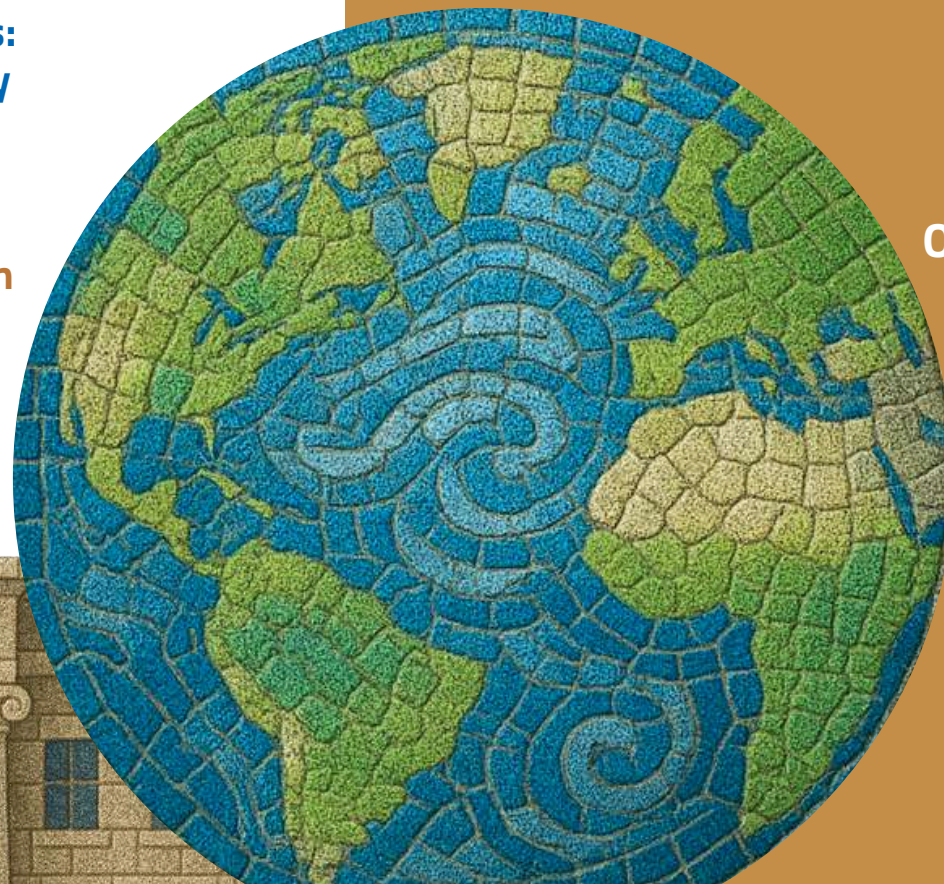
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(9:00-9.30 AM) Introductory remarks

Roberto Di Pietra, Rector of the University of Siena

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Session 1 - Challenging Climate Change Before International Courts (9:30 AM-1:15 PM)

Chair: Riccardo Pavoni (University of Siena)

Annalisa Savaresi (University of Eastern Finland), *The Role of International Law in Climate Change Litigation*

Véronique Boillet (University of Lausanne), *Switzerland's Condemnation in the KlimaSeniorinnen Case: Implications and Consequences*

Irene Spigno (Academia Interamericana de Derechos Humanos), *Climate Change in the Inter-American System*

(11:15 AM) Coffe Break

(11:45 AM) Junior Scholars' Session - **Chair: Marco Antonio Simonelli** (University of Barcelona)

Olga Hałub-Kowalczyk (University of Wrocław), *Sustainable water access as a human right: Defining the judicial benchmarks in Europe*

Miki Kadota (Kyoto University), *Climate Change Litigation in Asia and a Consideration of the "Benefits of Future Generations"*

Riccardo Luporini (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies), *Victimhood and Locus Standi before the European Court of Human Rights in Climate Change Cases: Where Next?*

Kenny Ng (University of Eastern Finland), *The Court of Justice of the European Union and Sustainability as a Principle of EU Energy Law*

Johandri Wright (University of Western Cape), *The international Court of Justice: a hope for green whistleblowers?*

(1:30 PM) Lunch

(3:00-7:15 PM) Session 2 - Sustainability and Courts: Questioning the Role of Civil Society

Chair: Andrew Harding (National University of Singapore)

Christina Binder (University of the Bundeswehr Munich), *Sustainability, civil society and court: what role for local governments?*

Siri Gloppen (University of Bergen), *Promise and perils of climate litigation*

Salwa Hamrouni (University of Carthage), *Le rôle de la société civile tunisienne dans la mise en œuvre des SDGs*

Wahid Ferchichi (University of Carthage), *Le rôle des juridictions tunisiennes en matière de durabilité: l'environnement et le changement climatique en question*

Rachele Bizzari (University of Siena), *Amici Curiae in Climate Change Litigation: Fostering Dialogue between Civil Society and Regional Human Rights Courts*

(5:45 PM) Junior Scholars' Session - **Chair: Giammaria Milani** (University of Siena)

Nathalie Alonzo Andrade (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru), *Ecological Democracy and Indigenous Epistemologies: Challenges for Ecological Constitutionalism in Latin America*

Alfred Benny Auner (University of Salzburg), *Back to the Start? Legal Standing of Associations Before the European Court of Human Rights in Matters of Sustainability*

Francesco Merenda (University of Perugia), *Sustainability, climate policies and public administration. What are the implications for administrative functions?*

Alice Murgier (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies), *Civil Society Standing in Sustainability Litigation: Shifting Responsibility*

Mayra Angélica Rodríguez Avalos (Nova Spania University), *Participatory Ecological Democracy to Safeguard Life Rights*

(8:15 PM) Dinner

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(9:30 AM-12:45 PM) Session 3 - Challenging Climate Change Before International Courts

Chair: Francesco Viganò (Italian Constitutional Court, Bocconi University)

Itziar Gómez Fernández (Carlos III University of Madrid), *The legal personification of natural spaces and their constitutional dimension or the STC 142/2024 on the Mar Menor Lagoon*

Mathieu Disant (University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne), *La protection constitutionnelle des générations futures. Perspective française*

Gonzalo Ramírez Cleves (Externado University of Colombia), *The Rights of Nature in Latin America: A Paradigm Shift from Anthropocentric to Ecocentric Vision*

(10:45 AM) Coffe Break

(11:15) Junior Scholars' Session - **Chair: Valentina Carlino** (University of Siena)

Victor Bertolotto (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), *The role of constitutional judges in protection of French and Brazilian Amazonia*

Giacomo Giorgini Pignatiello (University of Naples "L'Orientale"), *Comparative Constitutional Pathways to Environmental Justice: Ensuring Environmental Sustainability between Europe and Latin America*

Deniz Polat (Ankara University), *Transformative Constitutionalism and Judicial Enforcement of Gender-Responsive Sustainability: The Experience of Turkey*

Karol Popławski (Polish Commissioner on Human Rights), *Interpretation „in dubio pro naturam” in polish legal system – limitations and opportunities*

Emanuela Rassu (University of Siena), *Energy Justice in Court: some lessons from Latin America in shaping sustainability litigation*

(12:45 - 1:15 PM) Conclusions

Xavier Philippe (University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne)

(1:30 PM) Lunch

