

The Climate Change Regime and Public International Law PhD/Early Career Researcher Workshop

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Biographies of the Presenters

Sek Lun Cheong (PhD Candidate, Melbourne Law School): Sek Lun is a PhD Candidate at Melbourne Law School and a member of the Institute for International Law and the Humanities (IILAH). He researches at the intersection of international investment law and business and human rights. His doctoral project examines the notion of investor due diligence and its prospects of advancing the human rights accountability of corporations. Sek Lun has a general interest in the discourse on corporate obligations in the context of domestic law and public international law. He is also interested in developments on the regulation of transnational corporate activities and broader questions of international law relating to the corporate actor. Sek Lun holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the University of London and a Master of Laws from the University of Melbourne. He is a former advocate and solicitor in the field of litigation during which he has worked on cases on corporate insolvency, judicial review, and other commercial disputes. He has also previously taught modules on UK business law, company law and corporate governance.

Anna Katarina Damm (PhD candidate at the Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen): Anna is a PhD Candidate at the Institute of European and Public International Law, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen. Her supervisor is Prof. Andreas L. Paulus, Judge at the Federal Constitutional Court (ret.). She completed the The Hague Academy of International Law Summer Courses in July 2022 – Aug. 2022. At Maastricht University, Maastricht from Jan. 2020 – Aug. 2021, she undertook the LL.M Globalisation and Law, with a Participant MCEL Master Thesis Project, “Greening Europe”.

Mitchell Lennan (Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Energy & Environment Law, University of Aberdeen, Scotland): Mitchell is a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Energy & Environment Law at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He joined Aberdeen in December 2022 after completing his PhD at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, where he was a member of the Strathclyde Centre for

Environmental Law and Governance (SCELG) and the UKRI GCRF One Ocean Hub. Mitchell also holds a BSc (Hons) in Marine and Freshwater Biology from the University of Glasgow, an MSc in Marine Science, Policy and Law from the University of Southampton, and an LLM in Global Environment and Climate Change Law from the University of Edinburgh. His expertise sits at the intersection between International Law of the Sea, Biodiversity, Climate Change and Human Rights Law. His research focuses on the regulation of living and non-living marine resources, particularly in the face of global environmental change. He remains an Affiliate Researcher at SCELG and continues to collaborate with One Ocean Hub.

Clara Lopez (PhD candidate, King's College London): Clara is a last year PhD Candidate and Visiting Lecturer at King's College London. Before starting her PhD, she worked as an arbitration lawyer in Spain and Peru, where she participated in mining investment disputes. In a quest to understand how the mining legal framework worked she decided to undertake a PhD. In her thesis she develops the mining transnational legal framework and asks how it regulates the interests of the actors involved: local communities, the state and junior and senior mining corporations. She argues that the legal framework is less fragmented if a sectorial approach is adopted, showing how environmental, human rights and mining regulations limit investment protection and how corporate structuring in the mining sector affects the implementation of investment treaties. Her research has changed her understanding of international law and its interrelation with land and natural resources.

Montserrat Madariaga (PhD Candidate, University College London): Monserrat is a third year PhD student at UCL Laws. Her PhD title is The COP That Was and Wasn't: COP 25's Impact on Chilean Climate Change Law and Governance. Her supervisors are Steven Vaughan, Professor at UCL Laws and Lisa Vanhala, Professor at the UCL Department of Political Science. Her research, which is supported by a scholarship from the Government of Chile, focuses on the relationship between Civil Society and Climate Change Law and Government. Monserrat holds an LLM on Environmental Law and Policy from University College of London and is a qualified lawyer in Chile. Additionally, she has professional experience working as a legal advisor for the Chilean Government and for Civil Society, and she has lectured in different Chilean universities. She currently works as research assistant for an interdisciplinary project at UCL Institute for Public Policy on Climate Change Loss and Damages, as well as a human rights research project with UCL professor Philippe Sands QC.

Veena Manikulam (PhD candidate, University of Zurich (UZH)): Veena is a PhD Candidate at the Institute for International Law and Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Zurich (UZH). From 2019 to 2021, she served as a Teaching and Research Fellow at the Chair for International Economic Law, EU Law and Public Law, where she taught several undergraduate courses, coached the University of Zurich's team for the 2019/2020 John H Jackson Moot Court Competition and co-authored three publications in the area of international economic law. To conduct further research on her PhD thesis (entitled "Conceptualising Investor Accountability in Investment Law") she was granted the UZH Doc.Mobility Fellowship and a contribution from the Priska-Tanner-Fonds. These two fellowships enabled her to spend two research semesters abroad, one at the Center for International and Comparative Law at the University of Michigan and one at the Lauterpacht Center for International Law at the University of Cambridge. Before embarking on the journey as a PhD student, Veena obtained an LL.M. degree in Transnational Law at King's College London (pass with distinction) in 2019. Her final dissertation ("Taming the Global Beasts: Evaluating the Contribution of New-Generation Investment Agreements to Corporate Accountability"), supervised by Prof. Peer Zumbansen, was graded with a distinction. She additionally holds a Master of Law (MLaw, summa cum laude) and Bachelor of Law (BLaw) degree from the University of Zurich.

Camille Martini (PhD candidate at Aix-Marseille University and Laval University (cotutelle)): Camille is a PhD candidate at Aix-Marseille University and Laval University (cotutelle), under the joint supervision of Pr. Sandrine Maljean-Dubois, Pr. Mathilde Hautereau-Boutonnet and Pr. Géraud de Lassus Saint-Geniès. As a member of a French National Research Agency's research project on the production, uses and reception of expertise in climate litigation (Proclimex), his work focuses on the implementation of the Paris Agreement by national courts in climate change disputes around the world. Camille practiced

public international law and international arbitration with Cleary Gottlieb in their Paris office as a member of the Paris Bar (2018-2022) and New-York Bar (since 2017). He also taught international investment law as a lecturer at the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. Camille is a graduate of the joint master's degree in Global Business Law and Governance (University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Columbia Law School, and Sciences Po) and holds a LL.M. from Boston College Law School. He is part of the 2022 PhD cohort of the French Agency for Ecological Transition (ADEME) and is a recipient of the Citizens of the World Excellence scholarship from Laval University.

Dr Kennedy Mbeva (Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Oxford): Kennedy is a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Global Economic Governance programme. In his role, Kennedy is contributing to the Future of Climate Cooperation project, which aims to better understand what institutional changes will be required in order for the international climate change regime, broadly conceived, to meet its objectives. The project does this by bringing together existing research, promoting further research into knowledge gaps, and looking across different areas to address critical gaps and weaknesses. Kennedy's research in the project involves identifying and advancing reforms for the global trade, investment, and finance systems that can either remove barriers or accelerate catalytic climate action, with a focus on emerging and developing countries. He also has experience in policy convening and international diplomacy. A Kenyan national, Kennedy holds a PhD in International Relations from the University of Melbourne. He has studied and worked in several countries including Australia, China and Germany.

Roanna McClelland (PhD candidate, Melbourne Law School): Roanna is a PhD candidate at Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne. Her research focuses on water law, environmental law, international and transnational law, and empirical methods. Prior to commencing her PhD, Roanna worked in water and environmental policy, and as a political and media adviser. Roanna holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Adelaide, a Bachelor of Behavioural Science from Flinders University, and an LLM from the University of Sydney.

Rebecca McMenamin (PhD candidate, University of Vienna, Austria): Rebecca is a PhD student based at the University of Vienna, Austria. Her PhD is in its early stages and is currently titled "State Responsibility for Climate Change: Lessons for international law from climate rights cases" and her supervisor is Professor Michael Waibel. Before taking up a prae doc position at the University of Vienna, Rebecca practiced constitutional and human rights law in the Attorney-General's team at the Crown Law Office of New Zealand. She appeared in the senior courts on cases involving the right to justice, to be free from arbitrary detention and to be free from compulsory medical treatment (mandatory Covid-19 vaccination). She has also acted as counsel in cases before the UN Human Rights Committee and advised the Minister of Foreign Affairs on extradition. Prior to practice, Rebecca clerked for Justice Susan Glazebrook of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. She has also worked for Professor Campbell McLachlan KC (Essex Chambers) on public international law and international investment law. She graduated with a first class LLB(Hons) at the Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand), specialising in international, constitutional, foreign relations and human rights law. She has taught undergraduate legal research, writing and mooted for three years at the Victoria University of Wellington and has edited ICSID Rev-FILJ, the New Zealand Journal of Public and International Law and the NZ Women's Law Journal. Rebecca's research interests are international human rights law, international climate law, international investment law, territorial disputes, extradition, citizenship, constitution-making, good governance and the rule of law.

Alistair Mills (Fellow and College Assistant Professor in Law at Magdalene College, Cambridge): Alistair is Fellow and College Assistant Professor in Law at Magdalene College, Cambridge. He has been a full-time academic since 2021, having previously been in practice at the Bar. He is the author of *Interpreting the NPPF: The New National Planning Policy Framework* (Bath Publishing: 2018). He is Co-Editor of the journal *Judicial Review*, and an Assistant Editor of the *Encyclopedia of Planning Law and Practice* (Sweet & Maxwell, looseleaf). He remains a practising barrister, and is an Associate Member of Landmark Chambers in London. Alistair's current research focuses on underexplored issues at the boundary between planning and administrative law. His article 'The Interpretation of Planning Policy:

The Role of the Court' has been published as an advance article in the Journal of Environmental Law. He has written about the challenge to the Airports National Policy Statement concerning a third runway at Heathrow: 'Judicial Pushback – National Airports Policy Grounded' [2020] CLJ 208, and 'Friends of the Earth: at the Intersection of Environmental and Administrative Law?' (2021) 33(2) JEL 461. Whilst in full-time practice, Alistair represented a range of clients, appearing both for and against public bodies. He has advised central government on national planning policy. He has been instructed on behalf of the United Kingdom in relation to matters before the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee. He was junior counsel to the Secretary of State in the significant Court of Appeal decision concerning the Air Quality Directive: *R (Shirley) v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government* [2019] PTSR 1614.

Caitlin Murphy (PhD candidate, Melbourne Law School): Caitlin is a PhD Candidate at Melbourne Law School and member of the Institute for International Law and the Humanities. Her research focuses on international law, extraction, and the politics of commodity transport in the green economy. Caitlin has worked as a research associate for projects in Australia and internationally. She is the Associate Editor of the forthcoming Oxford Handbook of International Law and Development, edited by Ruth Buchanan, Luis Eslava and Sundhya Pahuja, and has published in the Journal of Human Rights and the Environment. Caitlin holds an LLM from Osgoode Hall Law School and a BA/LLB (Hons) from Monash University. Prior to this, Caitlin worked at community legal centres.

Tejas Rao (PhD candidate, University of Cambridge): Tejas Rao is a PhD Candidate at the Department of Land Economy & C-EENRG, University of Cambridge, where he is a Nehru Trust Scholar, and Research Assistant at the Bennett Institute for Public Policy. He is also Manager at the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law. His research examines narratives and the political economy of international law-making, with a specific focus on communities of practice and the Rio Treaties. He has previously taught at SOAS, University of London, and the National Law School of India University, Bangalore and worked with members of the United Nations International Law Commission. He holds an LLM from the University of Cambridge (as JN Tata Scholar), and a B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) from the Gujarat National Law University. With a cross-cutting interest across the Sustainable Development Goals, he volunteers time as Operations Co-Lead with Project EduAccess, which aims to improve the representation in higher education of marginalized communities in South Asia by providing application mentorship and guidance

Ella Vines (PhD candidate, Melbourne Law School): Ella's PhD, under the supervision of Professors Margaret Young and Jacqueline Peel, researches whether the Paris Agreement is creating legal pathways within multiple domains of international and Australian law to halt or phase out coal extraction and consumption. She has progressed two years with expected completion in 2023. Ella is a current Melbourne Law School Teaching Fellow in global human rights law, with prior sessional academic teaching experience in international human rights law at Deakin University in 2021. She is an experienced lawyer in commercial litigation and dispute resolution, as well as business and not-for-profit structuring.