

Seminar: *Climate Change Litigation: Perspectives from the Global South*

Climate litigation is becoming an integral part of securing climate action and justice all over the world. By 2023, more than 130 cases had been filed by indigenous peoples, youths, NGOs, prosecutors, and regulatory agencies in the Global South. The prevalence of constitutional environmental rights, human rights-based approaches, and the preference for enforcement of existing laws and policies -rather than pushing for new climate laws- are some key features in climate litigation in the Global South. Cases regarding access to information, environmental crimes, environmental impact assessment, human rights, just transition, protection of biodiversity, and trade and investment, among others, have contributed directly and indirectly to advancing climate litigation in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Future areas for development include adaptation and damages, cases seeking accountability of corporate actors, cases involving indigenous peoples, and transnational cases. The seminar will deal with these recent developments and trends in the Global South and will discuss climate litigation in the context of international, constitutional, environmental, and human rights law.

The seminar will be held in English.

The seminar (limit: 15 students) is open to law students of specialization areas (Schwerpunktbereiche) II, IV, V and IX (vorbereitende Leistung / Seminararbeit / Studienarbeit), to Erasmus exchange and master students of related programs, including those of other Faculties. It requires basic knowledge of International Law and English language skills. Successful participants will also be afforded a language certificate (Sprachenschein).

Participation in the seminar requires

- an application to be sent to y.pacheco@jura.uni-goettingen.de before the introductory meeting, indicating: (1) full name and email address, (2) the type of examination (vorbereitende Leistung/Seminararbeit/Studienarbeit) and the specialization area, (3) the level of legal and language skills, and (4) a short cv (1 page).
- Participation in the introductory meeting.

Introductory meeting

Thursday, 1 February 2024, 7:00 pm – Blue Tower, MZG 13.122 (access via 12th floor).

Distribution of topics

Monday, 12 February 2024, 9:00 - Blue Tower, 13th Floor (MZG 13.129).

Monday, 6 May 2024, 9:00 – Blue Tower, 12th Floor (MZG 12.135).

Seminar session

The seminar session (Blockveranstaltung) with the presentations and discussion will take place, most probably, in the last week of June 2024. Details will be announced in due course.

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