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Rethinking environmental law: connectivity, intersections, and conflicts in the global environmental crisis

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CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Introduction

The 2022 annual European Environmental Law Forum conference will be organised as a joint effort of the European Environmental Law Forum (EELF), the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (Faculty of Legal Sciences) and the Tarragona Centre for Environmental Law Studies (CEDAT).

The environmental emergency is characterised by its complexity and uncertainty while the law, at all levels, perseveres in the sectorialised and competence-centred discourse. Against this backdrop, the most relevant institutional and experts reports connect irremediably linked dots: climate and land (IPCC 2019 Special Report on Climate Change, Desertification, Land Degradation, Sustainable Land Management, Food Security, and Greenhouse gas fluxes in Terrestrial Ecosystems), climate and oceans (IPCC 2019 Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate), and very recently biodiversity and climate (IPBES-IPCC 2021 Biodiversity and Climate Change Workshop Report), but also trade and investment regimes and environmental protection (EIB 2020/2021 Investment Report Building a smart and green Europe in the COVID-19 era) or climate change and monetary policy (ECB 2021 Climate change and monetary policy in the euro area), pandemics and environment (UNEP, 2020, Preventing the next pandemic) and, last but not least, human rights and environment (HRC 2021 The human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment). The complexity of the above issues must be added to the difficulty of how the different branches of law internalise concepts and information from other sciences and knowledge.

The theme of the Tarragona conference can give rise to multiple types of analysis, from methodological and theoretical to more technical and sectoral.

The organisers are hereby inviting submission of abstracts for presentations at the conference. Presentations must fall within the overall conference theme, and we, in particular, invite abstracts within the issues indicated below. Presentations should have a European perspective or relevance. We encourage senior as well as junior researchers, including PhD scholars, to submit abstracts. Practitioners and others are also welcome to submit abstracts.

Some of the issues to be addressed will therefore include:

- Intersection, compatibility and conflict between different legal disciplines regarding environmental issues.
- Conflicts between legal systems at different territorial, supra- or sub-national levels.
- Non-doctrinal methods to improve environmental law-making, environmental litigation and environmental legal research.
- Conflicts between institutional arrangements, legal discourses, scientific evidence and social group narratives.

Submission of abstracts

Abstracts may relate to more than one issue or highlight dependencies between the issues raised. Abstracts shall be written in English, not exceeding 500 words, indicate the precise topic of the proposed paper and the related subtheme(s), and consist of a short description of the content of the contribution and its relation to the topic and themes of the conference. Abstracts, together with a short biography of max. 150 words should be sent to the following email address: eelf2022@urv.cat by 8th April 2022. Abstracts will be reviewed on a rolling basis, as received, with a final decision to be provided by 20th May 2022 at the latest.

Registration and further information

Registration will open in June 2022. The website will also provide further information on accommodation, travel, draft programme, etc. Please be aware that accommodation should be booked/reserved well ahead of the event. A list of recommended hotels will be available on the website.

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