



Empowering the Green Transition: Legal Challenges and Tools

European Law Institute – Environmental Law Special Interest Group

Spring 2022 Seminar Series

Call for Proposals

Dear Colleagues,

we hope you are doing well and staying safe.

We are planning a new Seminar Series of the European Law Institute’s Environmental Law Special Interest Group during the spring of 2022 (March-May 2022), similar in format to the series that we convened in 2021. Please find the materials and recordings in the SIG Website: <https://www.europeanlawinstitute.eu/hubs-sigs/sigs/environmental-law-sig/>

The seminars will start in March 2022 and take place online on Thursday afternoons.

Each session will start at 5pm CET and will run for no more than 1.5 hours.

Speakers will present for up to 30 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of commentary from a respondent before opening the session for general discussion with all participants.

We invite anyone interested to submit a proposal for a session. All topics related to sustainable development are welcome, including:

- behavioral approaches to sustainability;
- sustainable private law, sustainable consumption and circular economy;

- role of artificial intelligence and other digital and smart technologies in enhancing the green transition;
- integration of sustainability into economic regulation, competition policy, and intellectual property;
- corporate social responsibility, corporate governance, and “greenwashing”;
- sustainable finance;
- sustainable insurance;
- sustainable tax law, carbon pricing, carbon market design, and market integrity;
- clean energy transition; and
- climate litigation.

If you are interested in presenting a paper, **please submit a short proposal to us** (boyd@law.ucla.edu, alberto.defranceschi@unife.it) **by 31 January 2022** and include at least two (preferably three) options for dates that work for you. If you have a proposed discussant for your session, please include their name and contact information in your proposal.

Where relevant, we would like to include discussants and perhaps even a presenter from the United States and other countries outside of Europe and we welcome your suggestions on this as well.

Furthermore, we will feature two **Keynote Seminars** on:

- **Thursday 17 February 2022, 5 pm** (CET): Speaker Dr. Hugo Maria Schally (European Commission – Head of Unit on Multilateral Environmental Cooperation);
- **Tuesday 17 May 2022 (tbc), 5 pm** (CET): Speaker Prof. Dr. Reto Maria Hilty (University of Zurich and Director at Max Planck Institute on Innovation and Competition, Munich).

For those who are interested, we would like to publish a collection of the papers from the seminar series in the first *Yearbook of the Environmental Law SIG*.

We look forward to hearing from you and are excited to reconvene the Environmental Law SIG seminar series in March. We wish you a wonderful holiday season and all the best for the new year.

Best regards,

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