

Transatlantic Challenges in Environmental Law

Webinar, 23 September 2021, 14.00 -17.00 (CET)

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The European Green Deal, Brexit, the start of the Biden Administration and of course the Corona crisis are bringing new momentum to environmental policy across the Atlantic. This webinar addresses related key challenges and developments in EU, US and UK environmental law. *Jerzy Jendroska, Moritz Reese* and *Lorenzo Squintani* assess main approaches of the European Green Deal, in light of the sustainability and environmental justice paradigms. *Daniel Cole* explains the efforts of the Biden Administration to undo the environmental rollbacks of the Trump Administration. *Richard Macrory* examines the opportunities and risks for environmental protection in post-Brexit UK, and he assesses, in particular, the newly introduced “Office for Environmental Protection” as a new independent watchdog tasked to enforce the UK’s environmental laws. After the presentation all participants are invited to further discuss these grand regional developments and to also reflect on transatlantic linkages and mutual impulses.

The presentations are based on the respective articles recently published in the *Opole Studies of Administration and Law (OSAP 19-2 (2021))* available at

<https://czasopisma.uni.opole.pl/index.php/osap/issue/view/230>

Program

- 14:00 **Opening by the chair** *Barbara Pozzo*
- 14:10 **Towards a New Legal Framework under the European Green Deal**
Jerzy Jendroska, Moritz Reese & Lorenzo Squintani
(30 min+20min debate)
- 15:00 **Biden’s Burden: Cleaning up Trump’s Environmental Mess**
Daniel H. Cole
(20 min+20min debate)
- 15:40 **The UK and Brexit – Environmental Opportunity or Disaster?**
Richard Macrory
(20 min+20min debate)
- 16:20 **General Discussion**

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After registration you will receive a link to the Zoom meeting room via e-mail. Registration will be open as long as seats are available.

The speakers

Daniel H. Cole is is Robert H. McKinney Professor of Law at Indiana University-Maurer School of Law and Professor of Public & Environmental Affairs at Indiana University-O'Neill School of Public & Environmental Affairs. He is, i.a., a founding member of both the Midwest Law and Economics Association and the Society for Environmental Law and Economics.

Jerzy Jendrośka is Professor of Law at Opole University (Poland) and at Riga Graduate School of Law (Latvia) and the Managing Partner at Jendrośka Jerzmański Bar and Partners Environmental Lawyers (JJB) in Wrocław, Poland. He served as an arbitrator at the Permanent Court of Arbitrage in the Hague (2001-2016) and is a member of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Richard Macrory, is Emeritus Professor of environment law, University College London, where he set up and was first director of the Centre for Law and the Environment. He served, i.a., as a board member of the Environment Agency England and Wales between 1999 and 2004, and was a long-standing member of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution. Professor Macrory was recently appointed to the board of the newly established UK Office for Environmental Protection.

Barbara Pozzo is Professor of Comparative Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Insubria in Como (Italy), where she teaches Comparative Legal Systems and Comparative Law. She is also the Director of the Summer School Program in Comparative Environmental Law, in association with UC Davis Law School.

Moritz Reese, Dr. iur., is deputy head of the Department for Environmental & Planning Law at Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ), Leipzig, Germany, and currently chairman of the European Environmental Law Forum (EELF).

Lorenzo Squintani, is Professor of Energy Law at Groningen University, The Netherlands, where he is head of the Energy Law Section and co-director of the Groningen Centre for Energy Law and Sustainability and Chief-editor of the Journal for European Environmental and Planning Law (Brill) and member of the Managing Board of the European Environmental Law Forum (EELF).

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