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Abstract

In the months before the COVID-19 pandemic assumed centre stage in global and European law and policy, the European Union took extraordinary strides toward advancing climate commitments by adopting the European Green Deal. Since March 2020, much of the focus of the European Green Deal has shifted to methods of incorporating pandemic responses and post-pandemic recovery measures that also advance the climate agenda, yet there are a number of laws and policies which have a significant impact on environmental law and sustainable development in areas outside the pandemic. This seminar will focus on the ways in which the concept of just transitions has been adopted and advanced through the European Green Deal and the environmental laws and policies adopted under its auspices. The seminar will emphasise the roll of the Just Transition Fund and similar monetary mechanisms for supporting regions in the European Union most impacted by efforts to transition away from high-carbon energy as well as the opportunities for just transitions implementation through everything from policies on hydrogen to building practices to the terms of the 2021 European Climate Law.

Biography

Dr. Alexandra R. Harrington is a Lecturer in Law (Environment) at Lancaster University Law School. She serves as Director of Studies, International Law Association Colombian Branch, a member of the IUCN and a member of the Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and the Environment. Dr. Harrington was the 2018 - 2019 Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Global Governance at the Balsillie School of International Affairs. She is the author of dozens of articles and book chapters, as well as *International Organizations and the Law* (Routledge 2018), *International Law and Global Governance: Treaty Regimes and Sustainable Development Goals Implementation* (Routledge 2021),

and just transitions and the future of law and
Regulation (forthcoming Palgrave Macmillan 2022).

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