

Call for Papers

CLIMATE JUSTICE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

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Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg and Tilburg University

Climate Justice is being dealt with in different fora and addressed through diverse measures such as politics, diplomacy, policy, regulation, international commitments, treaties, accords and the umbrella of public international law. At the same time, it resides in different social, economic and political settings. Through attuning to the disproportionate consequences that climate change has on vulnerable populations, we aim to look at climate justice from various perspectives not only thematically but by bringing in perspectives from around the world.

The guiding theme of this workshop is to connect climate change to its effects on various aspects of social justice in different settings. We invite proposals from young practitioners and researchers from across the globe. Selected submissions will be invited to present their ideas at the multidisciplinary workshop on climate justice. The workshop will take place at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg and is organised together with Tilburg University. The workshop will include the presentation of research papers in panels, the subsequent publication of the papers in a joint open-access publication, as well as social and networking activities.

Submissions should address one the five sub-themes of the workshop:

i. Courts and Climate Justice

In this theme we want to analyze if climate change has become a new focal point for global transformation towards more socially just policies. Within this theme, we want to understand some innovative mechanisms used by the courts, along with their effectiveness, legitimacy, and viability. What can be learnt from climate judgments around the world in terms of ideas and lessons rooted in their contextual experiences.

ii. Climate and Data Justice

In this theme, we want to examine the intersection between climate justice and data justice. We are interested in the ways in which climate justice movements, and digital rights movements influence, and shape each other, explore parallels in terms of how data colonialism and environmental colonialism can be studied. We also want to explore connections between natural resource extraction and data as extraction, and whether it is productive to build these comparisons.

iii. Climate Justice and ESC rights

In this theme, we want to look at the impact of the climate crisis on human rights in general and economic, social and cultural (ESC) rights in particular. Does the increasing entanglement of climate justice and human rights change the position of ESC rights in relation to other rights? How do global

discourse spaces differ? Have ESC rights a much stronger position in the Global South than in the Global North?

iv. Climate Justice and Industrial Agriculture

In this theme, we want to examine the interlinkage between agribusiness, environment and law. Can law be a tool to engage agribusinesses in respecting human rights and the environment? Is international law, with its long-standing doctrinal commitment to trade and capital, able to act decisively on behalf of the environment? Can a business and human rights approach in agriculture and the food system be designed and a human rights, environmental and climate change due diligence be introduced in law and practice of agribusinesses?

v. Climate Justice and Gender

With this thematic focus, we aim to put a spotlight on gender-aspects of climate change. How does an intersectional gender-lens help to make visible the challenges faced by women and other genders, particularly in countries of what is called the Global South? In addition, can gender-theoretical reflections on climate change and the Anthropocene help us understand the mechanisms that brought humanity to this point, and it can offer tools for a more holistic approach to our quest to overcome this existential threat? Lastly, what role does gender play in the climate movement and resistance?

Submission guidelines

We welcome submissions that tackle these issues through innovative and context driven means. We especially encourage submissions from young practitioners and researchers in the Global South. Interested participants should submit an abstract of not more than 500 words along with biographical information by 10th June 2022. Submissions should be sent to climatejusticenuremberg@gmail.com. Successful applicants will be informed by 30th June 2022.

Conference fee and Travel Costs

There will be no conference fee for selected participants. Travel funding will be available for selected participants who are not eligible for reimbursement by their home institutions. Accommodation and food will be provided during the conference.

Panels and Papers

Applicants will be required to submit papers no longer than 6000 words by 15th September 2022. The papers will be presented by the authors in the five thematic panels of the workshop. After revision in light of the workshop discussions, papers will be finalised and published as an open access edited publication. There is also the possibility for shorter pieces to be published in a blog symposium.

Inquiries

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Note

The workshop will take place on site in Nuremberg, Germany. We plan and expect in person participation of all researchers. Only in case the pandemic situation strictly requires so, the workshop will be conducted in a hybrid form.