

Climate Change and International Law at a Crossroad

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 28: Crawford Auto Museum, Western Reserve Historical Society

6:00-7:00 PM: Drinks and Appetizers, Music by Razing the Bar

7:00-7:30 PM: Buffet Dinner

7:30-8:00 PM: Dinner Speech by Jim Chen, Founder and Principal, JC Enterprises Consulting, PLLC, former

Friday, September 29: Cleveland Botanical Garden

8:00-8:30: Registration and Coffee

8:30-8:45 AM: Welcome by Dean Michael Scharf, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, President of the American Branch of the International Law Association

8:45-9:15 AM Keynote Speech by John Knox, Henry C. Lauerman Professor of International Law, Wake Forest Law, former UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights and the Environment

9:30-11:00 AM: PANEL 1: “Fresh Air or Whistling into the Wind? Enforcing the UN’s Right to a Healthy Environment”

Chair: Rebecca Hamilton
Professor of Law, American University, Washington College of Law

M. Alexander Pearl, Professor of Law, University of Oklahoma College of Law

Victoria Haneman, Frank J. Kellegher Professor of Trusts & Estates, Creighton University School of Law

Craig Martin, Professor of Law, Washburn University School of Law

Michael J. Kelly, Senator Allen A. Sekt Endowed Chair in Law, Creighton University School of Law

11:15 AM-12:45 PM: Panel 2: Is Ecocide a Viable International Crime?

Chair: Paul Williams, Rebecca Grazier Professor of Law & International Relations, American University, and President of the Public International Law & Policy Group

Giovanni Chiarini, Lecturer, University of Huddersfield (UK) and Defense Counsel at the ICC.

Milena Sterio, Distinguished University Professor of Law, Cleveland State University College of Law and Managing Director of the Public International Law & Policy Group

Chile Oboe-Osuji, former President of the International Criminal Court

Leila Sadat, James Carr Professor of International Criminal Law, Washington University School of Law, Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Branch of the International Law Association and Special Adviser on Crimes Against Humanity to the ICC Prosecutor

12:45 PM-1:45 PM: Lunch and Speech by Honorable Chile Oboe-Osuji, former President of the International Criminal Court

2:00-3:30 PM: Panel 3: "You Don't Have to Live Like a Refugee": Legal Mechanisms and Strategies to Enhance Protection of Climate Displaced Peoples in the Americas

Chair, Randall S. Abate, Assistant Dean for Environmental Law Studies, The George Washington University Law School

Camila Bustos, Professor of Law, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

Kate Jastram, Director of Policy & Advocacy, Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, University of California College of Law, San Francisco; Christopher Edley, Jr. Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley School of Law

Julia Neusner, Esq., Consultant on Climate Displacement, International Refugee Assistance Project

Geneviève Minville, RSW, MA, PhD student in Human Geography, Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, York University

3:45-5:15 PM: Panel 4: "Can Corporations be sued for Global Warming?"

Chair: Cassandra Burke Robertson, John Deaver Drinko–BakerHostetler Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Professional Ethics, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Jonathan Adler, Johan Verheij Memorial Professor of Law and Director of the Coleman P. Burke Center for Environmental Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Allan Kanner, Managing Partner, Kanner & Whiteley,

James May, Distinguished Professor of Law and Founder of the Global Environmental Rights Institute at Widener University Delaware Law School

Maria Antonia Tigre, Senior Fellow in Global Climate Change Litigation at the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School

Wes Henricksen, Associate Professor of Law, Barry University School of Law

5:15 PM: Closing Remarks by Austin Fragomen, Chairman of the Business Advisory Group on Migration of the Global Forum on Migration and Development.

