

Navigating Climate-Related Legal Risks and Opportunities



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Day 1

Monday

24.06.24

Law and Climate Change: The Challenge

- Introduction: the legally disruptive nature of climate change
- Scientific perspectives on decarbonisation and net zero
- International climate change law: evaluating the UNFCCC process
- Overcoming incumbency: how vested interests slow down climate action
- Discussion: how can we characterise the challenges facing effective legal resolution of the problems associated with climate change?

Evening activity: walking tour of Oxford, informal BBQ

Day 2

Tuesday

25.06.24

Decarbonisation

- Economics of decarbonisation
- Decarbonisation: emission reductions and CDR
- Decarbonisation obligations (e.g. framework legislation, sector-specific obligations)
- Enabling voluntary decarbonisation: securities regulation and corporate law
- Demanding decarbonisation: climate litigation
- Discussion: how can legal action support (or complicate) decarbonisation, and what are the limits of legal action?

Evening activity: walk on Port Meadow to the Perch

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Day 3Wednesday **Accountability for Climate Impacts**

26.06.24

- Attributing climate impacts to human activity
- Assessing climate change impacts
- Climate litigation strategies to address climate change impacts
- How legal accountability for climate impacts creates financial risk
- Discussion: what level of accountability for climate change impact is desirable and how could the law facilitate such accountability?

Evening activity: Debate at Divinity School and Punting on River Cherwell

Day 4Thursday **Synthesis: Evaluating Legal Action from Three Angles**

27.06.24

- Private sector action: credible and high-integrity action, and limits to private sector actions (e.g. greenwashing, limits in market-based mechanisms)
- Public sector action: the political economy of the adoption and enforcement of meaningful climate policies
- NGO action: the role of civil society in climate action

Evening activity: formal dinner at Keble College

Day 5Friday **Synthesis**

28.06.24

- Evaluating climate-related legal risks and opportunities in groups
- Discussion with representatives of each sector
- Wrap-up

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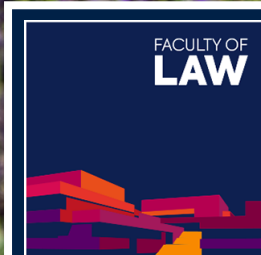
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