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Climate Change and Human Rights



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on Human Rights, Equality, Justice, and
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Gonzaga University School of Law Florence Summer Program 2023, Gonzaga in Florence, Center for Civil and Human Rights-Gonzaga Law, Global Legal Education Program, and Human-Rights Interest Group of Asian Society of International Law Present

Climate Change and Human Rights

An Annual International Human Rights Conference

Agenda

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Venue – Gonzaga in Florence, Via Giorgio la Pira, 11/13, 50121, Florence, Italy

6:00 - 8:00 PM Pre-conference Reception

6:30 - 6:45 PM Remarks by hosts and keynote speaker (Prof. Upendra Acharya, Dean Jacob Rooksby, Dean Jason Houston, and Professor Subedi)

6:45-7:05 PM The Bench and the Bar: A decade passed by but what has really changed in the UK judiciary system by Prof. Upendra Acharya, Prof. Alessandra De Luca, Prof. Nicole Lazzarini and Cons. Marcello Marinari (Co-author of the book and Former Judge)

Friday, May 26, 2023

Annual Gonzaga Law Human Rights Conference

Venue – British Institute of Florence

8:30 - 9:00 AM Check in

9:00 - 9:30 AM Opening Remarks
Dean Jason Houston
Simon Gammel, Director of the British Institute of Florence
Professor Upendra Acharya

9:30 – 9:45 AM Remarks on the Theme
Jacob Rooksby, J.D., Ph.D
Smithmore P. Myers Dean
Professor of Law & Leadership Studies

9:45 – 10:00 AM Break

10:00 – 11:15 AM Panel I

Climate Change, Cultural Right, Healthy Environment, and Basic Human Rights

Moderator, Professor Brooks Holland
Senior Lecturer Md Al Ifran Hossain
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Climate Change Governance and Corruption: Understanding Its Implications Over Human Right to Healthy Environment

Associate Professor Chhaya Bhardwaj and Senior Research Fellow
Ajay Maherchandanni

Cultural Rights as Human Rights in the Context of Climate Change and the Global South

Andrea Pelliconi, Ph.D. Scholar

Climate refugees and justice-oriented development in international system

11:15 - 11:30 AM Break

11:30 - 12:45 PM Panel II

Addressing Climate Crisis with Human Rights Approach

Moderator, Professor Linda Jellum

Legal Analyst Asrul Ibrahim and Rehulina

In the name of climate change: Assessing rights to water violations in the electric vehicle battery industries in Indonesia

Research Associate Railla Puno

Rights-based governance for carbon dioxide removal in Southeast Asia

Professor Srinivasan Somasundaram

The sinking cities in India a signal of climate change: It's now or never

12:45 - 2:45 PM Lunch

2:45 – 3:30 PM Keynote

Professor Surya P. Subedi, OBE, KC, DCL

3:30 – 3:45 PM Q & A

3:45 – 4:00 PM Break

4:00 – 5:15 PM Panel III

Climate Change, Vulnerable Population, and Sustainable Development

Moderator, Professor Upendra Acharya

Professor Murtaza Mohiqi and Professor Gagandeep Kaur

Climate change, human rights and vulnerable populations: a case study of women and children in Afghanistan

Professor Avv. Ettore M. Lombardi

Climate change and human rights: what is the function of sustainability

Ms. Luana Roberto

Climate Trials: What Happens When the Climate Advocate is the Accused Person

5:15 - 5:30 PM Closing Remarks

6:00 - 9:30 PM Apericena Dinner and Social at Harry's Bar
Lungarno Amerigo Vespucci 22/R

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES



Keynote Speaker

Professor Surya P. Subedi, OBE, KC, DCL

Professor Surya P. Subedi OBE, KC, DCL is Professor of International Law at the University of Leeds and Barrister at Three Stone Chambers, Lincoln's Inn, London. He also has been a visiting faculty member on the international human rights law programme of the University of Oxford since 2016.

Professor Subedi has published 12 books and more than 60 scholarly articles in all major areas of international law in leading international law journals. His publications are focussed on promoting fairness in international relations, strengthening the rules-based international order, and advancing human rights. He has served as the United Nations Special Rapporteur for human rights in Cambodia between 2009 and 2015.

He obtained a DPhil (PhD) in Law with a prize from the University of Oxford in 1993. He was awarded Oxford's highest accolade – the degree of Doctor of Civil Law (DCL) – in 2019 by the University of Oxford in recognition of his contribution to international law and human rights. The judges of the award panel at Oxford described him as “a scholar of uncommon breadth of knowledge and depth of thinking in international law” when deciding to award him the DCL.

Professor Subedi was appointed a Queen's Counsel (QC) (Hon) in 2017. A press release of the British Government of January 2017 announcing his appointment as a QC stated that Professor Subedi had made “an exceptional contribution over a sustained period at the international level to develop international law and to advance human rights.”

His book 'Unilateral Sanctions in International Law' (Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2021) explores unilateral sanctions in international law, and examines the impact of unilateral sanctions on human rights and the environment.



Opening Speaker Dean Jacob H. Rooksby, Professor of Law and Leadership Studies

Professor Jacob H. Rooksby is proud to be an academic, administrator, and attorney. Appointed Dean of Gonzaga Law School in 2018, Rooksby's focus at Gonzaga has been on innovating the law school's programming, facility, and operations and integrating the school further with the broader university, regional and global commitments. He holds a joint appointment as a Professor of Law and Leadership Studies and has taught five different courses throughout his deanship.

Professor Rooksby's scholarship lies in two fields: IP law and higher education law. He published a book with Johns Hopkins University Press in 2016, *The Branding of the American Mind: How Universities Capture, Manage, and Monetize Intellectual Property and Why It Matters*. He also is co-author of the 6th edition of *The Law of Higher Education*, the leading treatise in the field. His edited book at the intersection of IP and higher education, *Research Handbook on Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer*, was published by Edward Elgar in 2020.



Upendra Acharya, LL.B., MCL, LL.M., SJD

Dr. Upendra D. Acharya is a professor of law and distinguished scholar of international law at Gonzaga University Law School. He is also the director of the Global Legal Education Program.

Prof. Acharya has represented landmark cases in the Supreme Court of Nepal, including daughters' right to inherent property, and the Godabary Marble Case that resulted in the enactment of an Environmental Protection Act in Nepal. He also has worked toward eradicating bonded labor systems in far western areas of Nepal. He served as an Associate professor at the Faculty of Law, Tribhuvan University, and practiced law in the Supreme Court of Nepal. He has been invited to serve as a Visiting Professor and has spoken/ presented papers in many countries, including, China, France, India, Nepal, Mexico, Philippines, Canada, Spain, Italy, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Lebanon, and Brazil. Professor Acharya has presented and written papers on cutting- edge issues of international law, including terrorism, U.S. Foreign Policy, globalization, international economic law, international environmental law, and human rights and human security. He is the Chair of the Human Rights Special Interest Group of Asian Society of International Law (head quarter in Singapore) and is in leadership position in several national and international professional organizations. He serves as a Senior Research Fellow at the WTO Policy Center of Southwest University of Political Science and Law, Chongqing, China and Senior Fellow at the Center for Natural Disaster and Human Rights of Beijing National University, Beijing, China.



Chhaya Bhardwaj

Chhaya Bhardwaj is currently an Associate Professor of Law at the Jindal Global Law School, Assistant Director of the Center for Environmental Law and Climate Change and has taught at the Jindal School of Environment and Sustainability. She is a Member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Rapporteur at the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University. She is also a visiting faculty at Lloyd Law College, Greater Noida, since 2019 and at the Indian Society of International Law since 2017. She pursued her B.A.; LL.B. from Chaudhary Charan Singh University Meerut. She received International Environmental Law Fellowship Award to pursue a Master's Degree at Vermont Law

School, USA. She also received United Nations Fellowship in 2017 to pursue a Regional Course in International Law from the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. Her teaching and research are at the intersection of law, environment, and climate change. She writes on environmental laws, disaster laws, climate change and international law. The other positions include “Virtual Visiting Scholar” (June 2023 to June 2024) with the George Washington School of Law; “Visiting Scholar” (December 2022 to January 2023) with Dublin City University, and “Summer Fellow” with the University of London’s initiative on internal displacement.



Jason Houston

Dr. Jason Houston is Dean and Associate Professor of Italian at Gonzaga in Florence, where he teaches Dante and leads the Gonzaga in Florence campus. He completed his BA in Italian and Medieval Studies at the University of Oregon. He went on to take his M.Phil in Medieval Studies and Ph.D. in Italian Language and Literature at Yale University in 2003. From 2003 to 2016, he was Assistant Professor and then Associate Professor of Italian at the University of Oklahoma, where he created a new Bachelor of Arts program in Italian, developed a new study center for OU in Arezzo, Italy, and managed a public/private partnership between OU/ENEL Green Power/Capitoline Museums of Rome. His research focuses on Giovanni Boccaccio and his complicated relationships with other key Trecento Italian authors: Dante Alighieri, Francesco Petrarca, and Zanobi da Strada. His publications include a monograph, numerous articles, edited volumes of scholarship, and review articles in journals such as *MLN*, *Dante Studies*, *Studi Sul Boccaccio*, *Renaissance Quarterly*, and *Speculum*. He is currently completing a translation into English of Boccaccio's minor Latin works.



Ettore M. Lombardi

Ettore Maria is Professor of Private Law, International Business Law, Digital Society Law and Sustainable Business Law at the Department of Legal Sciences of the University of Florence , Event Officer, Harvard Law School Association of Europe, and of counsel at the Hage-Chahine Law Firm (Beirut-Dubai-Florence-Rome). He is currently a member of the Financial Arbitrator (Board of Bologna) appointed by the Bank of Italy, and Chairman of the "Model 231" Supervisory Board at Nuovo Pignone Holding S.p.A. (Global holding company of the Baker Hughes Company). He holds a degree in Law from the University of Florence, a degree in Theology, and a degree in Canon Law from the Pontifical Lateran University, an LL.M. from Harvard Law School, a Ph.D from the University of Florence, an Advanced Certificate in Artificial Intelligence from the Oxford Saïd Business School, an Advanced Certificate in Business Sustainability Management and an Advanced Certificate in Sustainable Finance from the University of Cambridge. He has been Visiting Professor at Birkbeck College - University of London (London, UK) (2021) and Visiting Scholar in Dispute Resolution at the Carey Center for Dispute Resolution – St. John's Law School (New York, USA) (2021). Professor Lombardi has published four monographs and more than fifty articles published in legal journals of national and international importance.



Ajay R. Maherchandani

Ajay R Maherchandani is a Senior Research Fellow at the Jindal Global Law School, O P Jindal Global University, Haryana. He is also a Research Associate at the Centre for Women's Rights, Jindal Global Law School. He has a Master of Laws in Access to Justice from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. Prior to that, he has audited the Master of Arts course in Sociology from the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai with also finishing the B.L.S LL.B degree from the University of Mumbai. His research area is Phenomenology and Sexuality studies. He is a member of the Phenomenological Studies society in India. He has published on sexuality studies in EPW and has presented in national and international seminars on the same.



Murtaza Mohiqi

Murtaza Mohiqi is a law lecturer, legal columnist, and human rights researcher who has accumulated extensive experience teaching in several countries. Also, his record includes years of working alongside esteemed research institutes in Afghanistan, focusing on advancing the rights of girls and women. He is currently an assistant professor with the Human Rights and Multiculturalism master's program at the University of South-Eastern Norway. Mr. Mohiqi has published his work in numerous publications and presented his research at many international conferences. He is also a volunteer teacher in exile, teaching human rights and civil law online to girls in Afghanistan. Additionally, Mr. Mohiqi is an expert in the field of Human Rights and Diverse Societies, as well as Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights.



Md. Al Ifran Hossain Mollah

Md. Al Ifran Hossain Mollah is a Senior Lecturer in Law at the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). He has completed LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. degrees at the University of Dhaka. In 2019, Mr. Mollah was awarded with Master of Studies in International Human Rights Law from University of Oxford. His research interest is focused on domestic application of international human rights law. Several of Mr. Mollah's research articles and book chapters have been published from Routledge, Brill-Nijhoff, Springer and CUP. In addition to his academic position, Mr. Mollah is permitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.



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Asrul Ibrahim Nur. Bachelor of Law from the Faculty of Law, University of Brawijaya, Indonesia (2006-2010) and Master of Law from the Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia (2011-2013). He is a Senior Legal Analyst at the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (since 2015) and a Lecturer at Bandung Polytechnic of Energy and Mining (since 2020). Previously worked as a Legislative Assistant for Member of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia (2011-2012) and Legal Researcher at The Indonesian Institute, Center for Public Policy Research (2012-2014). Currently, on Study Leave for a PhD degree at Geza-Marton Doctoral School of Legal Studies, the University of Debrecen, Hungary, under the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship. Asrul's research interest is in energy law, renewable energy law, electromobility regulations, climate change governance, legal aspects of sustainable development, and EU-ASEAN relation from comparative perspectives.



Andrea Pelliconi

Andrea Maria Pelliconi is a PhD scholar in Law at City University of London, where she teaches international human rights law and international criminal law. Andrea is also an Associate Lecturer at the London School of Economics (LSE) in London, where she teaches the law of the European Union. Currently, Andrea is visiting the Max Planck Institute for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law in Luxembourg, and previously held a fellowship position at the University of Bologna with the Young Investigator Training Programme (YITP), sponsored by the European Society of International Law (ESIL). She specialises in human rights and holds an advanced Master in International Protection of Human Rights from Sapienza University, Rome, and a combined Bachelor & Masters of Law, with a major in Public International Law, from Bocconi University, Milan. Andrea is a qualified lawyer and has worked in law firms in Italy and Malaysia, as well as with the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre (BHRRC) and the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) in London.



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Railla is currently a Research Associate with the National University of Singapore's Centre for International Law. She focuses primarily on climate change law and policy and has attended UNFCCC sessions in various capacities, including as negotiator and legal adviser for the Philippine government, and as Policy Coordinator for Climate Action Network, co-lead of the ENGO constituency. She previously worked for the Climate Change Commission of the Philippines as Legal Services Division Chief where she oversaw the national process for signing and ratifying the Paris Agreement and led the coordination of the Philippine delegation for COP 22 in Marrakesh. Railla has also done extensive research on oceans and climate, climate change and the rule of law, governance of climate geoengineering technologies, REDD+ and agriculture, and human rights and the environment, in collaboration with various intergovernmental organizations, national governments, and civil society groups.

In 2020, Railla obtained her LL.M. degree in Environmental Law, specializing in Global Environmental Law, from Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law with summa cum laude honors. She also holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Philippines and a Bachelor of Science degree, major in Psychology, from the Ateneo de Manila University. She is a member of the Philippine bar since 2015.



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Rehulina is a PhD scholar at Marton Géza Doctoral School of Legal Studies, Debrecen, Hungary. She is also a lecturer at the International Department Faculty of Law Lampung University, Indonesia. She is now a member of the Preator Collage Advance Studies Faculty of Law at Debrecen University and a member of a Research group called Nemzetközi Jogi Kutatási Fórum (Transnational Legal Research Forum). Additionally, she is one of the University of Debrecen Student Ambassadors. She graduated her master's degree at Padjadjaran University, Indonesia and bachelor's degree from Law Institute of Bandung, Indonesia. Moreover, her area of research is human rights. For her PhD dissertation, she works on relations between human rights and business actor on how business actor complies with Human Rights. She recently published her

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Avv. Luana Roberto

Advocate Luana Roberto specializes mainly in assisting both individuals and companies in the field of white-collar crime and international criminal law disputes. She also advises numerous companies and start-ups in their daily legal challenges. She is a Founding partner of OratioFortis Avocates, Geneva and Head of the legal team, Rezalliance association, Geneva. She serves as an Expert in the Great Lakes training program and competition in Kigali, Rwanda, and member of the Committee for the Great Lakes competition, Swiss law association. Ms. Roberto is a Member of the Examination Commission and external assistant (cultore della materia) of the University of Bologna, and Chair of Environmental Law, Italy. She is Coordinator of the Human Rights Commission's Business & Human Rights Group of Geneva Bar Association.



Dr. Srinivasan Somasundaram

Professor S. Srinivasan is the Principal at Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Puducherry, India. He has abundant experience of more than 30 years of teaching and research at the undergraduate as well as postgraduate levels. He has done his Ph.D. on "*Impact of Globalization on the Industrial Workers of the unorganized sectors with special reference to Social Security Laws*" from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. His areas of interest in teaching includes constitutional law, comparative law, labour law, and social security laws. He has also been devoted to legal research on public law, child rights, right to education, social security, environmental law and laws relating to social justice.

He has presented papers in national and international seminars, conferences, workshops etc. He has also published 25 research articles including environment and human rights issues, in various reputed national and international journals.