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The Legitimate Role(s) of Human Rights Courts in Environmental Disputes

8 and 9 September 2014

Venue: University of Oslo, Faculty of Law, Professorboligen

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| 08:00 – 08.30 | Registration |
| 08:30 - 09:00 | Welcome Christina Voigt, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo |
| 09.00 – 09.15 | Introductions |
| | Session 1: The Environment and Human Rights Panel Chair : Hans Christian Bugge, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo |
| 09:15-09:45 | Key note speech : European Court of Human Rights - experiences and challenges: environmental disputes in the ECHR Helen Keller, Judge, European Court of Human Rights |
| 09.45-10.15 | Discussion |
| 10.15-10.30 | TEA |
| 10.30 - 10.50 | The European Court of Human Rights and the Environment - A case study in legitimacy Ole W Pedersen, Reader, Newcastle Law School |
| 10.50- 11:10 | Will Human Rights Courts focus social norms on human needs, and away from environmental science? Cymie R Payne, Assistant Professor, Department of Human Ecology, Rutgers University |
| 11:10 – 11.45 | Comments: Birgit Peters, Post-doctoral Researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Münster Discussion |
| 11.45 – 12.30 | Faute de Mieux: Human Rights Tribunals are Legitimate and Necessary Venues for Environmental Litigation Talk by Dinah Shelton, Professor, Faculty of Law, George Washington University |
| 12:30-12:45 | Comments/Discussion |
| 12.45 – 14.00 | LUNCH |

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| | Session 2: Justice and Access Panel Chair: Dinah Shelton, Professor, Faculty of Law, George Washington University |
| 14.00 – 14.20 | Are human rights courts effective instruments for environmental protection? Liosa Beechinor, Barrister-at-Law Candidate, The Honorable Society of King's Inns |
| 14.20 – 14.40 | Non-indigenous Groups as Victims of Environmental Harm: A Case for the Inter-American Human Rights System? Katrin Merhof, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Justus-Liebig University Giessen |
| 14.40 – 15.00 | Dignity and environmental disputes Dina Townsend, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo |
| 15.00 – 15.20 | International human rights, adjudication, and environmental protection: a value-added approach Daniel Corrigan, PhD Candidate, Department of Philosophy, University of Miami |
| 15:20 – 15:35 | TEA |
| 15:35 - 15:50 | Comments: Dinah Shelton, Professor, Faculty of Law, George Washington University |
| 15.50 – 16:45 | Discussion |
| 16:45 – 17:15 | A critical appraisal of the competence of the ECOWAS Court of Justice on environment applications as human rights Talk by Justice Hansine Donli, Former President, Court of Justice of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) |
| 17:15 – 17:45 | Discussion |
| 18:30 | DINNER, <i>Ni&Tyve</i> |

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| | Session 3: Effectiveness Panel Chair: Alan Boyle, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Edinburgh |
| 09:00-09:30 | The adequacy of environmental decisions of some Courts in some developing countries Margarette May Macaulay, Former Judge, Inter-American Court of Human Rights |
| 09.30 -9.50 | Human rights' legitimacy in the face of the global ecological crisis – indigenous people, ecological rights claims and human rights tribunals in Latin America Aled D Fisher, Research Assistant, and Maria Lundberg, Associate Professor, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo |
| 9.50 – 10.10 | Are international human rights courts appropriate for handling cases regarding environmental degradation? A perspective from civic republicanism Hans Morten Haugen, Associate Professor of Law, Diakonhjemmet |
| 10.10 – 10.25 | TEA |

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| 10:25-11:00 | Comments/talk: Alan Boyle, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Edinburgh |
| 11:00-11:45 | Discussion |
| 11:45-13:00 | LUNCH |
| 13.00 – 14.30 | WORKSHOP on issues of legitimacy |
| 14.30 – 15.00 | Discussion |
| 15.00-15.15 | TEA |
| 15.15 – 15.30 | Video address by John Knox, UN Independent Expert on human rights and the environment |
| 15.30 – 16.30 | Panel discussion: Justice Hansine Donli, Former President, Court of Justice of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS); Margarette May Macaulay, Former Judge, Inter-American Court of Human Rights; Alan Boyle, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Edinburgh ; Birgit Peters, Post-doctoral Researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Münster; Daniel Corrigan, PhD Student, Department of Philosophy, University of Miami Chair: Christina Voigt, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo |
| 16.30 – 17.00 | Debate |
| 17.00 – 17.15 | Summing up and closing: Christina Voigt, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo |