

## Climate Change Conference

# *Systemic Integration of Climate Change in International Law*

*Speakers, Moderators, and Presenters Profiles*

### Welcome Remarks



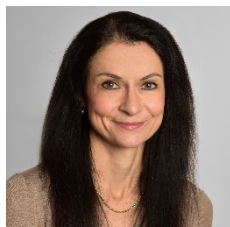
#### **Dr. Nilüfer Oral**

*Director of the Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore / Senior Fellow, National University of Singapore Faculty of Law / Member, United Nations International Law Commission*

Nilufer Oral is Director of the Centre of International Law at the National University of Singapore. She is a member of the UN International Law Commission (ILC) and served as Chairperson of the 74<sup>th</sup> session. She is a Co-chair of the ILC Study Group on sea-level rise in relation to international law. She is a Member The Hague Academy of International Law Curatorium and is an associate member of the Institut de Droit International. She was a legal advisor and climate change negotiator for Turkish MFA (2009-2016). She is currently a Member of the Committee of Legal Experts of the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS). She is a Distinguished Fellow of the Law of the Sea Institute at Berkeley Law.

Dr. Oral served on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Council (2012-2016); was Co-chair of the IUCN Specialist Group on Oceans, Coasts and Coral Reefs (2006-2018); and Chair of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (2014-2017).

Dr. Oral is the series editor for the *International Straits of the World* publications (Brill); a member of the Board of Editors of the *European Society of International Law Series*; Associate Editor of the *Research Perspectives in the Law of the Sea* (Brill). She has published numerous articles and edited several books, and has spoken at numerous international conferences.



**Prof. Dr. Petra Minnerop**

*Professor of International Law and Director of Centre for Sustainable Development Law and Policy (CSDLP), Durham University*

Professor Petra Minnerop is a Professor of International Law at Durham Law School, where she also serves as the founder and Director of the Durham Center for Sustainable Development Law and Policy. Her expertise encompasses international law, climate change law, environmental law, and human rights. She is widely recognized for her research on the intersection of law, science, and policy responses to global challenges. Professor Minnerop has advised governments, international organizations, and NGOs, contributing to the development of legal frameworks for climate action and sustainability.

In her administrative roles at Durham University, she serves as the Chair of the UN SDG Group of the University, with responsibility for the University's reporting on Sustainability (QS) and the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (including the submission to the THE Impact ranking) in the academic dimension. She leads the University's engagement with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). She served as Deputy Executive Dean (Global) of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Health in 2024. Professor Minnerop has also held visiting positions at universities worldwide and is a frequent speaker at academic and policy forums.

At Durham, she teaches courses on international law, human rights, and sustainability, supervising doctoral students in related fields. She is also part of editorial boards for leading journals and has published extensively on liability in international environmental law, climate protection agreements, human rights law, the classification/status of states under international law and on EU citizenship. Her current interdisciplinary research project on Just Transitions to a Net Zero World (JusTN0W) focuses on the role of international law in directing and managing interdisciplinary solutions to accelerate the decarbonisation of economies. She also works on re-thinking and applying legal concepts in the light of attribution science, including health. She is also working on issues of citizenship and belonging from the perspective of international law, in the context of mitigating the consequences of 'Brexit,' as one of the co-editors of the book on EU Citizenship as institutionalised Membership, under contract with Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2025. With Justice Brian Preston and Volker Roeben, Petra is working on a book under contract with Cambridge University Press on Solidarity in international law (forthcoming 2025).

### **Keynote Speaker**



**Ambassador Rena Lee**

*Singapore's Ambassador for International Law*

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore*

Rena Lee is Singapore's Ambassador for International Law. She has served in a number of roles in the public service for more than three decades, including with the Attorney-General's Chambers and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She was most recently also the Chief Executive of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore. Rena is also the Chairperson of the Governing Board of the NUS Centre for International Law. She specializes in the practice of public international law, covering diverse areas including law of the sea, environmental and climate change law, and humanitarian and human rights law. Rena was Ambassador for Oceans and Law of the Sea Issues and Special Envoy of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. In this capacity, she was elected President of the BBNJ Intergovernmental Conference in 2018 and served until the successful conclusion of the negotiations and adoption by consensus of the BBNJ Agreement in 2023.

### **High-Level Roundtable**



**Danielle Yeow**

*Adjunct Senior Research Fellow / Lead, Climate Change Law and Policy, National University of Singapore Centre for International Law*

Danielle Yeow is a leading expert in climate change law, cyber law, and governance at the Centre for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore (NUS), where she is also an Adjunct Associate Professor teaching in the M.Sc. in Environmental and Sustainability Management program. Danielle has held senior roles including Deputy Director General at Singapore's Attorney-General's Chambers and Deputy Chief Executive at the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore. She is a qualified Advocate & Solicitor (Singapore) and Barrister-at-Law (England & Wales).

Her extensive experience covers public international law, trade, environment, international security, human rights, and compliance. Danielle has represented Singapore in major international negotiations such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership, Paris Agreement climate talks, and WTO proceedings, and advised on cases before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. She has served as a panelist and arbitrator under international trade agreements, an elected member of the Paris Agreement Implementation Committee, and chaired sessions at the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Danielle is active in various advisory and policy panels, including the Singapore Domain Name Dispute Policy Panel and International Law Association committees.

She is also recognized for her expertise in international cyber law, frequently leading seminars and speaking at global forums on cyber law and digital governance.

Danielle holds an LLB (Honours) from the University of Bristol and LLM (First Class Distinction) from the University of Cambridge.



### **Ambassador Luciano Mazza de Andrade**

*Ambassador of Brazil to Singapore*

Ambassador Luciano Mazza de Andrade was born in 1970 and joined the Brazilian diplomatic service in 1994. Prior to arriving in Singapore, he occupied the position of Director of the Department of Science, Technology, Innovation and Intellectual Property at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with responsibility, among others, for Science, Technology & Innovation, Intellectual Property and digital policy cooperation.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of São Paul and a Master of Laws (LLM) in European Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He also defended a thesis of High Studies on Mercosur's institutions at the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy.

He was previously posted, in different capacities, to the Brazilian embassies in the United Kingdom, Australia and Portugal, as well as to the Brazilian Mission to the European Union, in Brussels, and to the Permanent Delegation to ALADI and Mercosur, in Montevideo. He has worked extensively with trade and regional integration issues, including as head of the Division for Extra-Regional Trade Negotiations and as General Coordinator for WTO Dispute Settlement, in Brasília.

### **Diane Tan**

*Deputy Director-General (Security) of the International Affairs Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore*



Diane was appointed Deputy Director-General (Security) of the International Affairs Division (IAD) of the Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore (AGC) with effect from 1 July 2022. As DDG (Security), Diane oversees International Criminal Law and International Legal Criminal Cooperation, Security Proliferation, Diplomatic Law, International Human Rights Law, International Environmental Law, the Law of the Sea, and Aviation workstreams in IAD. In 2021, she was appointed as Singapore's Alternate Member to the Committee to facilitate implementation and promote compliance under the Paris Agreement (PAICC). She was re-appointed as Singapore's Member of PAICC in 2023. Diane is the legal advisor to the Singapore Delegation for the UNFCCC COP process.



### **Sim Ting**

*Managing Director – Head, Corporate Services Group and General Counsel, GenZero*

Sim Ting is Managing Director and Head, Corporate Services Group at GenZero. She holds the role of General Counsel concurrently, where she provides leadership on legal support for climate investments, compliance and corporate governance matters.

Before GenZero, she was at Shell for around 13 years, where she was the lead lawyer for significant investments, assets and projects in the energy value chain which spans across the upstream, LNG, gas, downstream and decarbonisation space.

Ting started off in private practice, focusing on project finance and M&A work. She has broad in-house experience across industries such as IT, F&B, printing and hospitality. In her external capacity, Ting currently serves as a board member of the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association (SCCA).

Ting graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Laws and has been admitted to practice law in Singapore.



### **Prof. Dr. Winston Chow**

*Professor of Urban Climate, Singapore Management University (SMU); Co-Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Working Group II*

Dr. Winston Chow is the Co-Chair of Working Group II of the United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, where he co-leads the development of Working Group II's contribution (on climate impacts, adaptation and vulnerability) to the IPCC 7th Assessment Cycle reports, including a Special Report on Climate Change and Cities.

He is also a Professor of Urban Climate and Lee Kong Chian Research Fellow at Singapore Management University's (SMU) College of Integrative Studies (CIS), where he leads the urban infrastructure research pillar at SMU's Urban Institute. His research focuses on urban climate change risk, vulnerability, and heat island adaptation. Dr. Chow is the Co-Lead Principal Investigator for the Cooling Singapore initiative, which addresses urban heat challenges.

He holds a Ph.D. in Geography from Arizona State University, and Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Geography from the National University of Singapore.



### **Panel 1: Climate Change Commitments Under the Paris Agreement**



**Prof. Dr. M. R. Andri G. Wibisana**

*Professor of Environmental Law and Director in Chief of Center for Environmental Law and Climate Justice (CELJCJ), Universitas Indonesia Faculty of Law*

Andri Gunawan Wibisana is a professor and has been a lecturer in Environmental Law and in the Field of Public Administration Law Studies, Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia since 1999. Prof. Andri earned a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia. He obtained a Master of Laws degree from the Law and Economics Program, Utrecht University, Netherlands, and a Doctorate degree from the Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, Netherlands with a dissertation entitled "Law and Economic Analysis of the Precautionary Principle." The Professorship was conferred on 10 April 2021 with an inaugural speech entitled: "The Anthropocene and the Law: Environmental Law in Dangerous Times." Prof. Andri's work in the world of education led him to become the first outstanding lecturer at the University of Indonesia in the field of Social Humanity in 2018. Apart from that, he also received a Fullbright scholarship for postdoctoral research at Columbia University (2012-2014), a post-doctoral grant from Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen (KNAW), SPIN Program (2008-2010), and STUNED Scholarship for Masters Program (2001-2002).



**Ikram Yassamine Mekidiche**

*Lawyer and Research Advocacy Specialist, Women of the South Speak Out*

Mekidiche Ikram Yassamine is a dynamic researcher, advocate, and lawyer specializing in gender-based violence (GBV), women's rights, and climate justice. She currently works as a research consultant and fellow with Women of the South Speak Out (WOSSO), where she focuses on policy engagement and advocacy for women in the Global South. With extensive experience in legal research and analysis, Ikram has also completed a fellowship with the US State Department. Ikram's professional journey spans roles with the Rule of Law Youth Network at the Council of Europe, where she focused on climate justice and anti-corruption initiatives, as well as positions at Deutsche Welle Academy and Ouest-info newspaper, enhancing her expertise in journalism and media development. She is currently a lawyer-in-training in Algeria and holds dual master's degrees in law and communications and public relations.

A passionate advocate for women's empowerment, global citizenship, and climate justice, Ikram combines her legal, journalistic, and advocacy skills to address global challenges and contribute to international dialogues on peace, security, and social justice.



**Prof. Dr. Garima Maheshwari**

*Assistant Professor, Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies*

Garima Maheshwari's research interests include sustainable security, resource conflicts, and climate politics. She is presently teaching at the Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies, affiliated to Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi. She has her PhD in Law and Governance and MA in Political Science from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, and a BA in Political Science from Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi. Her PhD thesis is on the governance of global atmospheric commons. She has previously worked at the Vivekananda International Foundation and the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies.



**Thanh Mai Nguyen**

*Law Student, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam*

Thanh Mai Nguyen is an LLB student in International Law at the Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam. Her research centers on international law and policymaking in non-traditional security domains, with a focus on cyber threats and environmental security. She currently serves as a Research Fellow at The Green Institute and is a founding member of the student-led research initiative Group for Research of International Peace and Security (GRIPS), where she contributes to policy briefings on international law. She has presented her work at academic conferences in Russia and South Korea, addressing topics such as climate legislation in Southeast Asia and ASEAN–EU–BRICS dynamics.



**Hung Thinh Vu**

*Law Student, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam*

I am currently a first year student at the Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam. I major in International Law and do research in the fields of international environmental law, law of the sea, and public international law.

Regarding academic experience, before college, I mainly conducted research and debate about climate, environmental, and humanitarian issues in Model United Nations (MUN) activities. After ranking first place on admission to my major in September 2024, I continue to carry out research into climate and environmental law and actively engage in expert workshops and conferences in this field. Although I have not competed in international law contests and moot courts, I reserve my intention to do so in the near future.

I firmly believe that, with my skills and experience in research and writing as well as public speaking and debate, I will make meaningful contributions to this conference and to the literature on climate change law in general.



**Dr. Sanaz Youssefi**

*Postdoctoral Fellow, Dalhousie University*

Sanaz Youssefi is an accomplished legal scholar and practitioner specializing in energy, corporate, and environmental law. She holds a Master of Law in International Trade and Economic Law from the University of Tehran, Iran's top university, and a PhD in Oil and Gas Law, during which she was a visiting researcher at the University of Calgary (2017), focusing on upstream energy regulations.

As a Postdoctoral Fellow at Dalhousie University, Sanaz explored legal challenges in climate change and renewable energy transitions.

She currently serves as Head of Legal and Legal Manager at Kayson Inc., a leading infrastructure firm, where she applies her expertise in investment arbitration, EPC/BOT contracts, and energy law.

With extensive experience in comparative legal analysis, Sanaz bridges academia and industry, contributing to policy and corporate governance in energy and infrastructure sectors. Her work reflects a deep commitment to advancing sustainable and legally sound energy solutions.



**Le Minh Nhut**

*Lecturer, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law*

Le Minh Nhut is a legal scholar and international arbitrator with combined academic and practical expertise in public international law, international environmental law, and international investment law. Currently serving as Lecturer at Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, Arbitrator at the Southern Trade Arbitration Centre (STAC), and ad hoc Arbitrator at the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC). Research and teaching activities focus on the evolving interaction between international legal regimes and sustainable development. Academic contributions include authored monographs and peer-reviewed articles published in both domestic and international journals. Beyond academia, regularly engaged in legal consultancy, legislative support, and capacity-building initiatives in collaboration with state institutions, development agencies, and international organizations. Ongoing work contributes to comparative legal analysis and the domestic implementation of international norms, particularly within Global South jurisdictions, with emphasis on environmental integrity, economic transformation, and the rule of law in international dispute resolution.



## **Panel 2: Climate Change – Just Transition**



**Dr. Yew Wei Lit**

*Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography, Universiti Malaya*

Dr. Yew Wei Lit is a senior lecturer in the Department of Geography at Universiti Malaya. Prior to this, he was a lecturer at Hong Kong Baptist University, a postdoctoral fellow at Yale-NUS College, and a visiting assistant professor at City University of Hong Kong. Dr. Yew obtained his PhD in Asian and International Studies from City University of Hong Kong. He received his M.Sc. in Comparative Politics (Asia) from the London School of Economics. With an interdisciplinary background in environmental politics, his research has focused on the politics of urban development and environmental justice in China and Southeast Asia. His works on environmental protests, urban governance and civil society have been published in academic journals such as the *Journal of Environmental Management*, *China Information*, and *Pacific Affairs*.



**Dr. Peixuan Shang**

*Staff Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council, China Office*

Peixuan Shang is a Staff Attorney of Environmental Law and Governance Project at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), China Program. She focuses on strengthening China's environmental and climate law frameworks. Her work includes legal research and policy advocacy on topics such as climate governance, energy transition and sustainable development. She holds a Ph.D. in Public International Law from Tsinghua University, with research on marine plastic governance under international law, an LL.M. from Leiden University, and an LL.B. from China Foreign Affairs University. Prior to her current role, she contributed to international legal and policy work through positions at international organizations and academic institutions such as Greenpeace, UNDP and Yenching Academy of Peking University. Peixuan has published and presented widely on international environmental law and is passionate about bridging global legal principles with China's domestic environmental governance.



**Dr. Opeyemi Gbadegesin**

*Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan*

Opeyemi A. Gbadegesin (LL.B, B.L, LL.M, Ph.D) is a Lecturer in the Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, where he also earned his doctorate in natural resource law and sustainable development. His interdisciplinary research interests span environmental law, natural resource governance, environmental constitutionalism, and the legal dimensions of sustainability

transitions. He has published widely in leading academic journals and has presented at prestigious conferences across Africa, Europe, and North America. Dr. Gbadegesin's recent work explores indigenous ecological knowledge, the legal architecture of climate adaptation, and the integration of artificial intelligence in environmental enforcement. He is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association and the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers. With a strong background in both legal practice and academic scholarship, his work seeks to bridge theory, policy, and grassroots realities in advancing environmental justice and equitable resource governance in Africa.



**Dr. Nguyen Thi Lan Huong**

*Deputy Head of International Trade Law Department, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law*

Dr Nguyen Thi Lan Huong serves as the deputy head of the Department of International Trade Law within the Faculty of International Law at the Ho Chi Minh City University of Law. She obtained her master's degree from Nagoya University (Japan) and received her PhD in Law at the Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. Her research and teaching expertise encompasses international trade and investment law, international investment dispute resolution, and trade and sustainable development. Dr Huong is a published author and co-editor of significant works, including textbooks and books on international trade law, investor-state dispute settlement.



**Ahmad Sabirin**

*President, Institute for Climate Law and Sustainable Policy*

Ahmad Sabirin is a dynamic early-career legal and policy professional with strong expertise in climate, energy, and environmental law, international economic and competition law, SDGs, and the green economy. Since his 3-year career, he has published more than 30 papers and 3 books. He has presented his paper in several conferences with funding, such as Ohio State University (2025), Asia School of Business (2025), Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam (2025) Utrecht University (2024), ASEAN Centre for Energy (2024), NUS (2024) and Malaya University (2024), Cambodia Development Resource Institute (2024), Monash University (2024). He received an outstanding participation in ASEAN Law and Policy 2024, NUS Law. As President of the Institute for Climate Law & Sustainable Policy, he actively advocates for youth participation in sustainability policy and climate action. His current research projects focus on the intersection of Indonesia JETP, including clean energy financing and investment, climate and environmental law, and green economy policy.



**Muhammad Amjad Raza**

*PhD Scholar, Government College University Faisalabad*

Muhammad Amjad Raza is a PhD Scholar in Political Science at Government College University Faisalabad, specializing in systemic integration of climate governance within international frameworks. His research focuses on environmental politics, South Asian geopolitics, intercontinental connectivity, and economic development, with emphasis on policy coherence between transnational initiatives (e.g., China's BRI, AU's Agenda 2063) and environmental accountability. As a consultant for the Climate Diplomacy Lab, he conducts environmental impact assessments and advises on rights-based climate resilience, sustainable infrastructure, and corporate accountability in extractive industries. His peer-reviewed publications analyze climate-energy diplomacy and infrastructure governance in Global South contexts. Mr. Raza brings 14+ years of cross-sectoral expertise in policy analysis, project management, and stakeholder engagement, aligning development frameworks with climate justice imperatives. He has presented research at international forums including the CAREC Institute and Pakistan-Polish conferences.

### **Panel 3: Intersections of Climate Change Law and Other Areas of Law**



**Prof. Dr. Arjuna Dibley**

*Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore*

Arjuna Dibley is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS). He also holds honorary appointments at the University of Oxford, and the University of Melbourne. Dibley received his Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D) degree from Stanford University, as a General Sir John Monash Scholar.

Dibley's research is primarily at the intersection of law, economics and sustainability. He pursues traditional legal analysis and interdisciplinary research in his areas of interest. His work has been published in the Harvard Environmental Law Review, Nature and Science, among others. Recognising his unique research agenda, Dibley was awarded the Paul Bourke Award by the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, as the leading Early Career Researcher in Law.

Dibley has been active in international policy processes. He has been invited to lead significant policy reports, including as a lead author on the United Nations Environment Programme's Adaptation Gap Report, as well as invited to speak to senior policymakers at international organisations such as the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. Dibley is also on the board of CarbonPlan, a US based think tank.

Prior to joining NUS, Dibley was at the University of Melbourne, a lawyer at Baker McKenzie and a strategy adviser at Pollination.

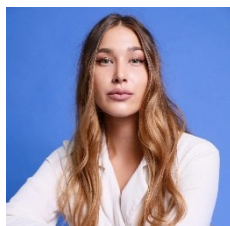


### **Davit Khachatryan**



*Lecturer, Russian-Armenian University of Armenia and American University of Armenia*

Davit Khachatryan is an international lawyer and lecturer specializing in arbitration, investment law, and public international law. He teaches courses on investment law, alternative dispute resolution, and international legal frameworks, combining academic depth with practical insight. Holding three LLM degrees, including in Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Operational Law, his work explores the intersection of law and conflict, with a particular interest in human rights, humanitarian law, and international adjudication. He regularly contributes through writing, teaching, and public engagement.



### **Tajra Smajic**

*PhD Candidate, Chinese University of Hong Kong*

Tajra Smajic is a PhD candidate at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, specializing in the law of the sea. Her research analyses the impact of the Common Heritage of Mankind principle on investment in deep seabed mining, examining the intersection between international investment law, environmental protection, sustainable development, and global commons governance.

Before beginning her doctoral studies, Tajra obtained her LL.M. in International Economic Law from CUHK and completed her LL.B. at Maastricht University European Law School. She has interned with the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea. She has also coached the CUHK Jessup Moot team for two years.

Her research interests include deep seabed mining, climate change, and the interface between science and policy. Prior to turning to the law of the sea, she also researched and published on human rights, particularly the rights of children in unrecognized states.



**Dr. Elena Pribytkova**

*Senior Research Fellow, Centre for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore*

Elena Pribytkova received a Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.) degree from Columbia Law School and is a Habilitation candidate at the Faculty of Law of the University of Basel. Her main research areas are Human Rights Law, Public International Law, Digital Technologies, Environmental Law, Sustainable Development, Comparative Law, and Legal and Political Philosophy. In particular, she focuses on the role of international law and human rights in reducing poverty and inequality as well as in promoting social, global, digital, and environmental (including climate) justice and sustainable development. Elena has held various research and teaching appointments at leading universities and research institutes all over the world, including Columbia Law School, New York University School of Law, University of Oxford, European University Institute, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg University, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, University of Basel, University of Michigan Law School, and National University of Singapore.



**Dr. Yinling Zhou**

*Associate Researcher, Wuhan University Academy of International Law and Global Governance*

Yinling Zhou worked as an associate researcher in Wuhan University Academy of International Law and Global Governance, China. She carried out joint PhD studies in Goettingen University, Germany and got PhD degree from Wuhan University's School of law in 2015. After graduation, she has worked for 7 years in global health research institute/Public health School of Wuhan University as a post-doctor/lecturer. She has carried out research project from Humanities and Social Sciences Foundation of the Ministry of Education of China, and participated in Major Projects of the National Social Science Foundation of China. She is the Early Career Researcher Board Member of international journal, e.g. Science in One Health. She has published paper in SSCI/SCI Journal and presented paper in several international law seminars, including European Society of International Law Research Forum and American Society of International Law Research Forum. Her research mainly focuses on global health governance, international health law.





**Edwin Vanderbruggen**

*Senior Lecturer, Foreign Trade University*

Edwin Vanderbruggen (The Netherlands – LL.B. University of Antwerpen, LL.M. University of Brussels, attended The Hague Academy of International Law, attending University of Bern's World Trade Institute) is an international legal adviser and academic with extensive experience assisting Governments and international institutions such as the Asian Development Bank and the International Finance Corporation on policy, reform and transactions. As the Senior Partner of 200 lawyers/consultants legal and advisory firm Andersen/VDB Loi with offices in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam, he has more than 25 years of experience assisting multinational corporations and lenders with multibillion \$ infrastructure, energy projects and other investments in Southeast Asia. He has taught at various universities in Europe and Asia and is now regularly lecturing at the Foreign Trade University in Hanoi, Vietnam. He has authored several textbooks, and some of his scholarly contributions have been published by peer-reviewed legal and tax journals from across the world.

**Panel 4: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Technology, Innovation, and Climate Change**



**Dr. Jon Mark Truby**

*Visiting Research Associate Professor, Centre for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore*

Dr. Jon Mark Truby leads the AI and technology law research at the NUS Centre for International Law, focusing on the intersection of international law, artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and emerging technologies. As Chair of the International Law Association Committee on AI & Technology Law and member of the CIL Peace Project, he is a widely cited authority in AI law, governance, and sustainability. Dr. Truby has held visiting positions at Oxford's Institute for Ethics in AI and Newcastle University and has presented his research at the United Nations General Assembly.

Previously, Dr. Truby was a law faculty member and Director of the legal research centre at Qatar University (2010–2023), producing significant research and policy outputs in AI and emerging technology. He has secured substantial research grants, launched legal education initiatives, and contributed to major events such as advising on the 2022 FIFA World Cup and COP UN Climate Change efforts. He holds a Ph.D. and LL.B. with First Class Honours from Newcastle Law School, a postgraduate diploma from York, and has practiced law at a top global firm in London.

He serves in advisory roles for UNESCO, DIFC, and the International Association of Privacy Professionals, and remains active in AI law research and collaboration globally.



**Prof. Dr. Suryanarayana Raju Vadapalli**

*Assistant Professor, Galgotias University*

Mr Surya is a Senior Arbitrator & Mediator in the number of arbitral institutions in India. He is also active in conducting ad-hoc Arbitrations & Mediations. Moreover He is one of the best trainers of Arbitration and Mediation. Apart from the role as a ADR professional he is also professor of Law at the Galgotias University, India.

He is the Honorary Secretary General of the ACIAM India with objective to promote Alternative Dispute Resolutions in India. His commitment in Alternative Dispute Resolutions is striving towards access to justice movement in India.



**Ivan Harris Tanyag**

*Graduate Student, School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of the Philippines, Diliman*

Mr. Ivan Harris Tanyag is a technical specialist at the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), where he provides technical advice and conducts research on various policy domains. He is also currently serving as a policy consultant for the Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities (ICSC). Previously, he worked with institutions such as the Ateneo School of Government and the University of the Philippines Center for Integrative and Development Studies. He has authored chapters in internationally published volumes, including Socioeconomic Impacts of High-Speed Rail Systems (Springer Nature, 2025) and The Routledge Handbook of Anti-Corruption Research and Practice (Routledge, 2025). His expertise spans urban and regional planning, public policy, and development studies, with research interests in transportation economics, built and natural environment, spatial analysis, and remote sensing. He took his undergraduate degree in Political Science at the University of the Philippines Diliman, where he is also expected to gain his graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning (Transportation).



**Prof. Dr. Niharika Kumar**

*Assistant Professor, University of Lucknow*

Niharika Kumar is an Assistant Professor in Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow and has a teaching experience of more than 8 years. Her area of research pertains to LGBTQ+ studies, Environmental law and International Law. She has completed her B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. (Bronze Medallist) from Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow. She has completed her Ph.D. from Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow on the critical issue of Transgender Rights. She has published 14 articles in National and International Journals, contributed 8 book chapters, delivered 9 talks on national radio, IIT Roorkee, NLU, IGNOU and other institutions. She has presented 9 papers in various National and International conferences. She is presently working as co-director on ICSSR major project on “Role of Public Policies in better Environmental Management of Municipalities in the State of Uttar Pradesh with special reference to Smart Cities of the State”.



**Shobhit Pratap Singh**

*Research Scholar, University of Lucknow*

Shobhit Pratap Singh is a Ph.D. Scholar (NET-JRF) at Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow. His research area includes Public International Law, Jurisprudence, and Legal Theory, with a particular focus on sovereignty, reparations, state responsibility, refugee law, global south, and theoretical implications such as subjects and sources of law, and interpreting the connotations of various schools of legal thought. He is pursuing his doctoral thesis on the topic – ‘A Study on the Evolving Characteristics of Sovereignty in International Law in the light of Emerging Theoretical Narrative of Metamodernism’, under the supervision of Dr. Niharika, Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow. Shobhit holds a degree in B.A.LL.B. and LL.M. from Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow and Gujarat National Law University. Currently, he is working on to refine his thematic research areas to expand the contextual understanding by publishing, presenting papers, and attending seminars.



**Cecilia Therese (Niner) T. Guiao**

*Head Legal Officer, Institute of International Legal Studies, University of the Philippines College of Law*

Niner serves as Head Legal Officer of the Institute of International Legal Studies at the University of the Philippines Law Center, where she leads the Institute’s International Environmental Law Research Program and is working on the development of a new International Space Law Research Program. She is also the Operations Director and co-founder of Parabukas, an Asia-based legal and policy

consultancy focused on climate change, sustainable development, and environmental governance.

She holds a Master of Studies in International Relations from the University of Cambridge, and a Master in Tri-Sector Collaboration from the Singapore Management University. She earned both her Juris Doctor and BA in Broadcast Communication from the University of the Philippines.

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#### **Panel 5: Legal Responsibility for Climate Change, Climate Litigation, and Reparations**



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**Prof. Dr. Hélène Tigroudja**

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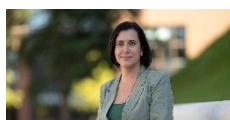


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### **Prof. Dr. Miriam Cohen**

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**Prof. Dr. Millicent McCreath**

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#### **Panel 6: Trends in International Environmental Law and Governance**



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Railla first developed an interest in international climate law and policy as a law student working for the University of the Philippines Institute for International Legal Studies. Since then, she 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.

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Catherine also specialises in climate change litigation through her role as Associate at the Climate Change Legal Initiative. She also contributed to the International Union for Conservation of Nature's submission to the International Court of Justice in the advisory proceedings on states' climate obligations.

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### Closing Panel: Reflections and Way Forward



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