

Interrogating Climate Apartheid

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9-9:30	Coffee/Tea & Breakfast Snacks
9:30-10:00	Introductions Andrew Baldwin, Simona Capisani, Chris Szabla
10:00-10:45	Keynote Talk and Q&A Carmen Gonzalez (Durham Institute of Advanced Study / Loyola University Chicago)
1-:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	Session 1– Climate Apartheid: A Contested Concept <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlotte Lemanski (Cambridge University), “The Politics of Reappropriating Apartheid in Climate Discourse and Language” • Mori Ram (Newcastle University), “Climate, Apartheid and the Politics of Privilege” • Jennifer Adese (University of Toronto), “Apartheid is Not a Metaphor: Métis People’s Experiences With Climate Change, Apartheid and Indigenous Environmental Justice”
13:30-13:45	Break (tea & snacks)
13:30-15:30	Session 2 – Boundaries of/and the Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alessia Agostelli (University of Florence), “Climate Apartheid at Europe’s Borders: Migration, Security, and Climate Change in EU Law” • Emily Jones (Newcastle University), “The Hauntology of International Environmental Law: Climate Apartheid and The Slow Cancellation of the Future” • Ola Szkodzińska (University of Warsaw), “Reimagining Violence in International Criminal Law: Towards Criminal Protection of the Right to a Healthy Climate” • Nataliia Hendel (National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine), “Climate Apartheid in Times of War: Russia’s Environmental Impact and Implications for Justice”
15:30-15:45	Break (tea & snacks)
15:45-17:15	Session 3 –Legacies of Apartheid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sampson Adese (York University), “Beyond Metaphor: Problematizing the Conceptual Convergence of Climate Apartheid and South African History” • Thembi Luckett (Durham University) and Matthew Wingfield (University of the Western Cape) “Undoing Climate Apartheid: Confronting Palimpsest Histories of Racialized Dispossession” • Juliana Mazzucotelli (Grenoble Alpes University / Vrije Universiteit Brussel), “Climate Apartheid: A Multiscalar Analysis of Environmental Privilege in Los Angeles and Cape Town”
17:15	Drinks Reception (Waterside 1020- Restaurant Dining Room)
19:00	(optional, self-funded) Dinner

10-10:30 Coffee/Tea Breakfast Snacks

10:30-12:30 **Session 4 – Imagining Climate Apartheid**

- **Sophia Brown** (Durham University), “Justice is Always Spatial’: Examining the Representational Politics of Climate Mobilities Through the Lenses of Climate Apartheid and Abolition Geography”
- **Daniela Dora** (Cambridge University), “Climate Apartheid Fiction: Law as Narrative Infrastructure in the Anthropocene”
- **Elena Giacomelli** (University of Bologna), “Imaginary Wor(l)ds: Reframing Habitability Imaginaries in Climate Immobilities”
- **Alexis Radisoglou** (Durham University), “World-Making in the Paniocene: Imaginaries of Geoengineering in Contemporary Fiction”

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 **Session 5 –Climate Apartheid as Legal Structure**

- **Fahim Abrar** (University of Glasgow), "Climate Apartheid Without Criminalisation: Law’s Quiet Production of Climate Inequality"
- **Deng Zhishan** (East China University of Political Science and Law), "Climate Apartheid as Legal Structure: Rethinking Inequality in International Climate Finance and China’s Alternative Approach"
- **Rahul Desarda** (Jindal Global Law School), “Climate Apartheid as Structural Discrimination: Reinterpreting Equality and Non-Discrimination Norms under International Human Rights Law”

15:00-15:15 Break (tea & snacks)

15:45-17:15

Session 6 –Mobilities & Materiality

- **Wanjing Yang** (Imperial College London), “Crossing the Bridge: The Materiality of Climate Apartheid in England’s Brownfield Regeneration”
- **Neha Arya** (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi), “From Consumer Comfort to Worker Vulnerability: Climate Apartheid in India’s Digital Labour Platforms”
- **Kirsi Pauliina Kallio and Jouni Häkli** (Tampere University), “Rejecting Climate Apartheid in the Classroom: Developing Decolonizing Pedagogies on Climate Mobilities”

16:45-17:00 Concluding remarks