



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE 2023 (ICEJ'23)

25th August and 01st September 2023

**Centre for Environmental Law and Policy, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
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Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Jindal Global Law School, OP Jindal Global University, Sonipat, India, Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA), Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Catania, Italy, CAPAZ German-Colombian Peace Institute & Chair for Peace Studies, Justus-Liebig University Giessen, Germany and City University of New York, United States are pleased to announce the first International Conference on Environmental Justice 2023 (ICEJ'23), which is to be held **virtually** on **25th of August and 01st of September 2023**.

The ICEJ'23 aims to bring together research scholars working in the area of Environmental Justice. The purpose of the Conference is to encourage young research scholars to present their research before a panel of academic experts and to receive valuable feedback for further research. Furthermore, this Conference seeks to build fruitful research collaborations among institutions across the world.

UNDP's flagship Support to Justice Sector Project (JURE), jointly implemented with the Ministry of Justice and UNICEF Sri Lanka, funded by the European Union, facilitates the International Conference on Environmental Justice 2023 (ICEJ '23).

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Conference welcomes submissions by **postgraduate students and early career researchers from any disciplinary field across the world**. In the case of co-authors, at least one of the authors must be a current postgraduate student or an early-stage career academic.

The thematic areas of the Conference will be centred around issues of Environmental Justice. The acceptance of abstracts will depend on the relevance of the issues raised by the conference panels and the originality of the research after being screened by a panel of reviewers. The abstracts selected by the reviewers will be invited for a full paper presentation at the Conference. The selected

authors at the Conference will be offered the possibility to publish their paper in a special journal publication, subject to a careful selection following editorial and peer reviews.

GENERAL SESSIONS FOR REGIONS

- Environmental Justice: Asian dimensions and legal responses
- Beyond Environmental Justice: Climate Justice, Energy Justice and the Just Transition
- Environmental issues in the United States of America with an interdisciplinary approach and a perspective on Environmental Justice

THEMATIC AREAS FOR SUBMISSIONS

- Environmental Justice: Innovation, Technology, and AI; Will the law complicate or compliment?
- Cooperative Federalism and public policy; instrumentalities for achieving ecological parallel (preservation, conservation, and protection of biodiversity).
- Energy security, carbon neutrality, groundwater-the right to a clean and healthy environment.
- Waste an opportunity for transformation with a strong business case
- Gender, Elderly, Children, and Refugees: Transforming the Right to Dignity - Transforming right to ensuring dignity in a satisfactory environment
- "Just Transition": What is just and for whom?
- Global interconnections and climate justice in the pathways towards low-carbon futures
- Entanglements of biopower and energopower: The role of energy as a socio-political force
- Transitioning in times of conflict: what we can learn from local case studies
- The role of innersocietal inequalities and intersectionality in justice issues
- Approach to Climate Change through Research, Pedagogy and curriculum setting and the establishment of a Climate Change Consortium in Governor's Island in New York City.
- Non-conventional Source of Energy Generation and job creation in big cities
- Climate Change and Resilience in coastal cities in the USA
- Green House Gas monitoring and Climate Adaptation Environmental Justice, Policies, and Solutions in New York City
- Solid Waste /wastewater and it's mobility

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of topics. You are welcome to submit abstracts on any topic of your interest as long as it falls within an area of concern on Environmental Justice.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Last date for the submission of abstract:** 15th July 2023
- **Announcement of accepted abstracts:** 31st July 2023
- **Final Conference dates:** 25th August and 01st September 2023
- **Submission of Full Paper:** 31st October 2023

PLATFORM - The Conference will be held on a **VIRTUAL** platform.

REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

1. Authors shall register and submit their abstracts and CV at the following link - <https://forms.gle/XK4TpqMGRz32NyQZ7>

2. In the case of more than one author, only the corresponding author must initiate the registration process.
3. Co-authorship is allowed up to a **maximum of two authors** for one paper.
4. Authors shall fill in all their particulars and upload their abstracts on the given link to complete the registration and submission.
5. Authors shall make all the submissions only in **.doc** format.
6. On the successful registration and submission of the abstract, authors will receive a confirmation email. In case you encounter any issue during the entire process, kindly contact the organising team at celp@law.cmb.ac.lk
7. Participation in the Conference is **free of cost**.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

1. Please note that the number of selected abstracts for presentation in the final Conference is strictly limited to 60 abstracts.
2. Authors should write an **abstract between 250 to 300 words** relating to the themes of the Conference.
3. The abstract should include a suitable title for the paper, three to five keywords, the name of the author(s), and their affiliation.
4. The abstract should be coherent and free of grammatical errors.
5. Selected abstracts are published for the conference proceedings.

GUIDELINES FOR FULL PAPER SUBMISSION

1. The main text of the full paper should be written in Times New Roman font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing, and footnotes in Times New Roman font size 10, with line spacing 1.0.
2. All the headings should be numbered and written in 12-points. Each main heading (first level) should be capitalised, bold, and centre-aligned. The second-level heading should be in title case, bold, and left-aligned. The third level heading should be in title case and left-aligned.
3. Authors should follow the **APA Style** mode of citation throughout the paper.
4. The word limit for the full papers should remain **between 5000-8000 words**, including footnotes (excluding abstract and bibliography).
5. All the authors shall give an undertaking that the plagiarism of the paper is below the permissible limit of 15%.
6. Research should be an original work of the author and must not have been submitted or accepted for publication.
7. Authors should strictly adhere to the following formatting guidelines:
 - ❖ Do not use abbreviations without prior explaining the terms.
 - ❖ Do not use bold and/or underline to highlight the text.
 - ❖ Use single quotes to emphasise a word or phrase.
 - ❖ Tables and charts should be centre-aligned if used.

CERTIFICATION

- E-certificates will be provided to all the author(s) who present their papers at the Conference.
- Best paper presentations will be awarded in all the themes at the Conference.

ORGANISERS

Centre for Environmental Law and Policy, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

University of Colombo has always set a remarkable example on approaching and theorising the new concepts, principles and trends within the education system in Sri Lanka. The Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo, is the oldest faculty that offers legal education under the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka. The Centre for Environmental Law and Policy (CELP) of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo is one of the most remarkable steps towards the commitment of the university for the protection and preservation of the environment. It intends to create a well-organised platform for research, policy development and collaboration among diverse fields including Science, Geography, Economics, Political Science and Business Studies to create an environmentally conscious society. Among many objectives aimed at achieving the utmost target of environmental conservation nationally and internationally, both on behalf of the present and unborn generations, it mainly focuses on the dissemination of knowledge and the environmental sensitisation through a diverse range of projects and activities. CELP aims to promote environmental law and policy in all possible ways within the Sri Lankan academic and administrative sectors and international platforms and thereby, hopes to become one of the leading legal and policy making institutions in endorsing the conservation and preservation of the environment in the country.

Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Haryana, India

In 2009, O.P. Jindal Global University began its first academic session with the establishment of India's first global law school. Starting its journey with 10 faculty members and 100 students, JGLS today has nearly 5,000 students and 500 faculty members. Jindal Global Law School (JGLS) is committed to providing global legal education to its students. The curriculum and pedagogy is designed to give extensive exposure to students to domestic, international and comparative law courses. The Law School is recognized by the Bar Council of India and offers a 3-year LL.B. Programme, a 5-year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), a 5-year B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), a 5-year B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.) Programme, and a 3-year B.A. (Hons.) In Legal Studies, along with 1-year LL.M. Programmes in the regular, online and blended modes and both full-time and part-time Ph.D. Programmes. JGLS has 23 specialised research centres in fields like Human Rights Studies; Global Governance and Policy; Health Law, Ethics, and Technology; Environment and Climate Change Studies; and South Asian Legal Studies. JGLS has regular active academic collaborations with leading law schools like Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Cornell Law School, and the University of Sydney Law School, for student mobility, dual-degree programmes, joint conferences and research projects. Jindal Global Law School (JGLS) has now been ranked 70th best law school in the world and retained its position as the No.1 in India in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022. The Centre for Environmental Law and Climate Change (CELCC), one of the eminent Centre at O.P Jindal Global University, carries a vision to educate, equip and raise awareness about environmental degradation and climate change amongst all the concerned. CECC envisions creating a dedicated community that focuses on the research in the field of contemporary legal issues involving environment and climate change. It aims to work as a centre that advocates for environmental conservation and regeneration. Further, it also aims to raise the awareness about environmental law and policy through collaborative efforts of students and faculties. By promoting the same, the centre shall help its members to not only get acquainted with the threats that face ecological sustainability but also motivate them to produce constructive solutions.

Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA)

The Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) was formed in December 1971 as a Commonwealth- wide body with an aim to foster and promote high standards of legal education in the Commonwealth. The Association has regional Chapters and Committees in Asia, Southern Africa, West Africa, the Caribbean, and Europe. The Association's goals are: i) to make legal education socially relevant and professionally useful by developing law curriculum and teaching methodologies, ii) Supporting continuing legal education and distance learning programmes and iii) Assisting law schools and equipping them to meet the demands of the profession by further enabling information revolution and

tackling other global challenges. The Constitution of CLEA envisages establishment and functioning of country-based Chapters to carry out the activities in conformity with its objectives through conferences, moots, newsletters, lecture series, curriculum development and activities for students. To promote in-depth dialogues on legal subjects and education, CLEA has also undertaken, “The Commonwealth Comparative Constitutional and Public Law Project”, it was initiated in 2019. The initiative aims to cover comparative law study of Constitutional and Public Law aspects in the world. The CLEA has established “Commonwealth Institute for Justice Education and Research” (CIJER) in 2017 to serve as a dedicated research wing with an aim to contribute to legal reformations including international, regional and national policy formulations. The CLEA aims at promoting standards of legal education through academic and professional exchanges, research publications, organization of conferences, workshops, and study tours. It works with an objective to strengthen literature concerning legal education and develop innovative research pedagogy.

Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Catania, Italy

Founded in 1434, the University of Catania is the oldest university in Sicily. With an average enrolment of 40,000 students in 17 departments, it is one of the largest Italian universities with a strong international orientation. Located at the centre of the Mediterranean, in a welcoming and connected city, at the crossroads of art, culture and tourism, the university is a focal point for research and training in the region, fully committed to promoting the cultural, social, and economic growth of its southern European territory. The Department of Political and Social Sciences at the University of Catania runs one Ph.D. school, a Marie Curie Doctoral Network on the Anthropology of Global Climate Urgency, three B.A. programs, and has a fine reputation in M.A. education as well. Six master degree courses are offered to students, one fully in English on Global Politics and Euro-Mediterranean Relations. Due to its portfolio of innovative training, collaborative action research, and international partnerships, the department is a strategic hub for teaching and learning directed toward transformative change at the intersections of global politics, history, social sciences, law, and anthropology. Thanks to a vibrant community of scholars, teachers, and students, with its large and transdisciplinary range of research projects on environmental justice, the energy transition, climate change, human-nature relations and biodiversity restoration, it is well positioned to promote a more inclusive, alternative and justice-oriented approach to contemporary environmental challenges at the European level, and beyond.

CAPAZ German-Colombian Peace Institute & Chair for Peace Studies, Justus-Liebig University Giessen, Germany

Founded in 1607, Justus Liebig University Giessen (JLU) is a long-established research university that attracts around 28,000 students. In addition to a broad range of courses - from the natural sciences to law and economics, social and educational sciences, and linguistic and cultural studies - it offers a spectrum of life sciences. The Chair of Peace Studies is concerned with the scientific analysis of peace processes and conflicts as well as with North-South relations and development policy issues. The focus of the work at the Chair is on the Global South and in particular Latin America. The Professorship is also the founding Chair of the German-Colombian Peace Institute - Instituto Colombo-Alemán para la Paz (CAPAZ) based in Bogotá/Colombia. Consequently, the scientific support of the Colombian peace process is the focus of current work in research, teaching and knowledge transfer of the department. The joint research project NISANSA complements climate change research with regional and social science perspectives, focusing on the Global South. Within this project, the Chair for Peace Studies focuses on the extractivist dynamics related to the energy transition and climate change. Large parts of the Global South are characterized by commodity dependencies and can be described as extractivist or rentier societies. The fact that a successful energy transition for the Global North and progress in international environmental and climate policy would undermine the economic, social and political structures, especially of such extraction societies that are heavily dependent on fossil fuels, and would harbor conflict potential, has hardly been discussed so far. This raises questions about the scope of so-called "just transition" in countries dependent on the export of primary fossil commodities. To date, economic diversification strategies have been seen as the silver bullet for adapting to projected declines in demand for oil or coal. In the past, such strategies have been pursued with great vigor, but with little tangible success. The reasons for repeated failures are too often attributed solely to policy failures. In contrast, this

research project aims to examine the economic, social, political, and sociocultural persistence of the extractivist model of development at the local level in order to develop alternative pathways to a post-fossil future.

City University of New York, United States

The City University of New York is the nation's leading urban public university. It begins in 1847 with the birth of the Free Academy, where "the children of the rich and the poor take their seats together," in the words of Townsend Harris, CUNY's visionary founding father. The University comprises 25 institutions: 11 senior colleges, seven community colleges, William E. Macaulay Honors College, CUNY Graduate Center, Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism, CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies, CUNY School of Law, CUNY School of Professional Studies and CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy. The University's new Advanced Science Research Center marks a major moment in CUNY science history. The 200,000-square-foot center is conceived as research building that wall between five specialized but interrelated disciplines of 21st-century science — nanoscience, photonics, structural biology, neuroscience and environmental sciences. CUNY counts 13 Nobel Prize and 26 MacArthur ("Genius") grant winners among its alumni. CUNY students, alumni and faculty have garnered scores of other prestigious honors over the years in recognition of historic contributions to the advancement of the sciences, business, the arts and myriad other fields. The University serves more than 275,000 degree-seeking students as well as 250,000 continuing education and certificate students. Bronx community College campus has the first Hall of Fame for Great Americans in the United States. It is a national treasure to honor scientists, educators, humanitarians, and artists, Honorees range from Alexander Graham Bell and George Washington Carver to Susan B. Anthony and Abraham Lincoln.

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