

Symposium

„Human Rights in the Face of the Climate Crisis“

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Programme

Monday, 6 November

09:30 – 13:00 *General framework programme*

Symposium: Human Rights in the Face of the Climate Crisis

13:00 – 13:15 Introduction to the symposium
Prof. Dr. Michael Krennerich

Climate crisis

13:15 – 14:15 **What you always wanted to know about climate change**
Keynote and discussion
Prof. Dr. Almut Arneth

Climate crisis and human rights

14:15 – 15:45 **Climate-induced migration/mobility. A need for new standards?**
Questions for experts on migration and displacement (fishbowl method)
Hannes Einsporn, Dr. Marie Mualem-Schröder, Dr. Janina Stürner-Siovitz, Dr. Kira Vinke
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Petra Bendel

15:45 – 16:15 *Coffee break*

16:15 – 18:00 **Panel discussion: The climate crisis' impact on human rights**
Christoph Bals, Dr. Megan Donald, Sébastien Duyck, Kristina Hatas, Rina Kuusipalo
Moderation: Michael Windfuhr

18:00 – 19:00 *Dinner break*

Evening lecture/talk

19:00 – 20:00 **The “greening” of human rights?**
The climate crisis: responses of human rights institutions
Dr. Megan Donald
Comment: Michael Windfuhr
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Michael Krennerich

Tuesday, 7 November

Human rights obligations

9:15 – 10:00 **Climate change and human rights responsibilities - Perspectives from the OHCHR**
Rina Kuusipalo

10:00 – 10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30 – 12:00 **State obligations and the role of private companies with regard to human rights and climate justice**
Questions for experts
Prof. Dr. Christina Binder, Prof. Dr. Laura Clérico, Prof. Dr. Fons Coomans,
Prof. Dr. Maria-Therese Gustafsson, Dr. Chiara Macchi
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Markus Krajewski

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch break*

New subjects of human rights?

13:00 – 13:10 **Short input: Justifying an enlightened anthropocentrism**
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Heiner Bielefeldt

13:15 – 13:25 **Short input: Human rights of future generations**
Prof. Dr. Sandra Liebenberg (online)

13:30 – 13:40 **Short input: Animal rights**
Prof. Dr. Bernd Ladwig

13:45 – 13:55 **Short input: Rights of nature**
Prof. Dr. Laura Clérico

14:00 – 14:30 *Coffee break*

14:30 – 16:00 **Panel/Plenary discussion: New subjects of human rights?**
Dr. John Adenitire, Prof. Dr. Laura Clérico, Prof. Dr. Fons Coomans,
Prof. Dr. Bernd Ladwig, Prof. Dr. Patricia Wiater-Hellgardt
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Heiner Bielefeldt

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from 16:00 *General framework programme*

Wednesday, 8 November

Fighting for human rights and climate justice

9:15 – 10:00 **Keynote: Shrinking political spaces for human rights defenders and climate activists**
Guadalupe Marengo
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Katrin Kinzelbach

10:00 – 10:15 *Coffee break*

10:15 – 11:45 **Panel discussion with activists: How to enhance cooperation between human rights defenders and climate activists? How can they be protected?**
Nina Eschke, Guadalupe Marengo, Carla Reemtsma, Raphael Thelen, Barbara Unmüßig,
Karin Zennig, Paula Zimmermann
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Katrin Kinzelbach

11:45 – 12:00 Closing of the symposium

12:00 – 13:00 *General closing of the conference*