



Centre for Law & the Environment

Climate Change and the Rule of Law Conference

31 March – 1 April 2022, UCL, London

Early Career Researchers – Call for Papers

The connections and tensions between the rule of law and climate change pose significant practical and conceptual challenges, and get to the heart of the role played by law in society. This conference will bring together key thinkers, including scholars, policymakers, civil society representatives, legal practitioners, judges and PhD students, to reflect on these issues.

The UCL Centre for Law and the Environment will hold a major conference on ‘Climate Change and the Rule of Law’ on Thursday 31 March and Friday 1 April 2022.

One main session of the conference will be devoted to the work of Early Career Researchers (MPhil and PhD researchers and recent PhD graduates) in the field. We expect that the session will comprise a number of parallel sessions chaired by senior academics and practitioners. This will be a valuable opportunity for ECRs to share their ideas in a supportive and vigorous environment and to benefit from the engaged appraisals of senior academics and practitioners.

Participants for the ECR session will be selected on the basis of submitted abstracts of no more than **300 words** in length. Each abstract should set out clearly the issue or argument that the researcher intends to speak on at the conference.

The following topics, which are to be explored in other sessions of the conference, can be taken as a general (but not exhaustive) guide to the kinds of questions on which abstracts would be welcomed.

- Climate change and the rule of law
- International law and the Conference of the Parties
- Populism and threats to the rule of law
- Climate change and business
- Governing climate change: Targets, process, rule of law
- Rule of law, rule of lawyers
- Urgency, communities and democracy
- Climate change in the courts: Whose rule of law?

Abstracts must be [submitted online](#) by **31 August 2021** and include the applicant’s name, affiliation and a brief overview of academic background. Abstracts are to be submitted [here](#).

The precise details of the ECR session will be finalised after the list of participants is settled. Those selected to participate should expect to **present on their topic for around 15 minutes** at the conference, and engage in discussion with a wide audience of participants. Each presenter will also receive devoted feedback from a senior academic or practitioner.

The organisers may ask participants to provide a clarification or development of their abstract in advance of the conference. The conference will have a ‘hybrid’ format; allowing remote or in-person participation. There will be no charge for attending the conference.