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# **Urgently Needed Responses to Climate Change**

**March 21 and 22, 2025** | Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana and ZRC Atrium



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The conference is organized under the research project (Re)Conceptualization of the Legal Paradigm Regarding Climate Change, Development of a New Legal Normality for Achieving Sustainable Practices (J5-50168) lead by Professor dr. Vasilka Sancin and financed by the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency - ARIS.

## **Friday, March 21, 2025**

**Senate Room, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana**

- 13.30-14.00**    **Arrival and registration of participants**
- 14.00-14.05**    **Welcome Note**  
**Vasilka Sancin**, Head of the Department of International Law, Faculty of Law,  
University of Ljubljana, Conference Chair
- 14:05-14:15**    **Opening Remarks**  
**H.E. Ambassador Ksenija Škrilec**, *Special Envoy for Climate Change, Ministry of  
Foreign and European Affairs*
- 14.15-14.30**    **Opening Presentations**  
**Natalie Dobson**, *Directorate General Realisation of Green Growth, Ministry of  
Climate Policy and Green Growth, Kingdom of the Netherlands*  
**Personal Reflections on the Responsiveness of International Law in the face of  
Climate Urgency**
- 14.30-14.45**    **Ana Paula Souza**, *Human Rights Officer, Environment and Climate Change Unit,  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*  
**Reflections on the need for integrated and holistic responses to multiple  
planetary crisis, including climate change**
- 14.45-16.30**    **Panel 1: Urgently Needed Legal Responses to Climate Change**  
**Moderator: Vasilka Sancin**  
**Stefan Lorenzmeier**, *University of Augsburg*  
**The acceptance of a new legal subject, the rights of nature under EU law, as a  
tool to urgently mitigate adverse impacts of climate change**  
**Laura Guercio**, *University of Roma Niccolo' Cusano*  
**Climate Change and Migration: Safeguarding Vulnerable Communities in the  
Face of Environmental Displacement**  
**Meltem Saribeyoglu Skalar**, *Marmara University*  
**Is Climate Litigation by Young Generations the Answer to the Climate Crisis?**  
**Anna Henriette Weininger**, *University of Augsburg*  
**The need for a coherent regulatory framework in the face of the increased  
likelihood of flooding due to climate change**  
**Anže Medževac**, *University of Ljubljana*  
**The urgency of responses to climate change for Small Island Developing  
States**
- 16.30-17.00**    **Coffee break**
- 17.00-18.30**    **Panel 2: Study of Legislative Frameworks on Climate Change**  
**Moderator: Maruša Tekavčič Veber**  
**Vasilka Sancin**, *University of Ljubljana*  
**Due diligence obligations of States in urgent responses to climate change**  
**Maša Kovič Dine**, *University of Ljubljana*  
**Climate emergency v. climate urgency**  
**International Environmental Law Clinic**, *University of Ljubljana*  
**Climate emergency declarations by European Union Member States**
- 19.00-22.00**    **Conference Dinner for Invited Guests**

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

**ZRC Atrium**

- 9.30-10.00**    **Arrival of participants**
- 10.00-12.00**    **Workshop**  
(closed session)
- 12:00-14:00**    **Lunch break**
- 14.00-15.30**    ***Panel 3: Philosophical Perspectives on the Climate Crisis***  
***Moderator: Aleš Mendiževc***  
**Tadej Troha**, ZRC SAZU, Institute of Philosophy  
**The Logic of Climate Evasion**  
**Peter Klepec**, ZRC SAZU, Institute of Philosophy  
**What Is Urgency?**  
**Luka Omladič**, State Secretary, Ministry of Solidarity-Based Future, Republic of Slovenia  
**Ageing in the Climate Crisis**
- 15.30-15.45**    **Coffee break**
- 15.45-16.00**    **Keynote Lecture**  
**Photini Pazartzis**, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens  
**The role of NGOs in international settings tackling climate change**
- 16.00-17.45**    ***Roundtable: NGO Perspective on the Climate Crisis***  
***Moderator: Maša Kovič Dine***  
**Gaja Breclj**, Director, Umanotera  
**Aljoša Petek**, Head of Environment, PIC – Legal Center for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment  
**Senka Šifkovič**, Environmental Lawyer, PIC – Legal Center for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment  
**Luka Štrubelj**, Environmental Lawyer, PIC – Legal Center for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment  
**Jure Vetršek**, President, Eko krog
- 17:45-18:00**    **Closing Remarks**  
**Vasilka Sancin**, Conference Chair
- 19:00-22.00**    **Conference Dinner for Invited Guests**

The conference is free of charge, however please register your participation **HERE** by Wednesday, March 19, 2025 by 12.00.