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"Corporate Climate Litigation"

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A Introductory Remarks and Discussant Prof. Elisa Baroncini, University of Bologna, Re-Globe Coordinator

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Corporate Climate Litigation - In the absence of a comprehensive legal framework addressing the harms caused by climate change, climate change litigation has become a driver of climate action. The presentation will examine the rise of climate-related legal claims against corporations, focusing on critical issues such as corporate responsibility for greenhouse gas emissions, challenges to corporate climate strategies, scrutiny of net-zero targets, or climate-washing. As climate science evolves, so do the legal strategies for holding companies accountable for their contributions to climate change and their inadequate efforts to mitigate climate risks. In addition, the emergence of new climate regulation of companies, such as reporting requirements on climate change impacts or mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence, is likely to open up new legal avenues. Key case studies and emerging trends in corporate climate litigation will be analysed, including the role of international and domestic law in shaping corporate climate responsibility.

Monika Feigerlová, JUDr. Monika Feigerlová, LL.M., PhD. works as a Research Associate at the Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences (since 2016) and the Centre for Climate Law and Sustainability Studies (since 2020). She obtained a PhD at the Charles University in Prague (2009) and completed the Master in International Dispute Settlement at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and University of Geneva (2012). She was admitted to the Czech Bar Association (2007) and practices law in Prague. She is also a lecturer in the LL.M. programme at Charles University (2023) and the initiator of a new subject on sustainability in business within the master's programme. She is also member of the Committee for Doctoral Theses at the Charles University, of the International Committee of the International Association of Legal Science (IALS), of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law and its Climate Change Law Specialist Group, of the Czech branch of the International Law Association, and the Executive member of the Czech Society for International Law. Her research focuses on transnational corporations, international investment law, dispute resolution and climate change law. She is the author of chapters on corporate climate responsibility and international economic law in the recently published first Czech book on climate law.

Introductory Remarks and Discussant - Elisa Baroncini, cum laude Law Degree and PhD in EU Law, is Full Professor of International Law at the University of Bologna, where she currently teaches International Economic Law, International Law on Sustainable Development, and International Energy Law. After having served for ten years (2012-2022) as Co-Chair of the ESIL IG on International Economic Law, in 2019 Elisa co-founded and is currently Coordinator of the Interest Group on International Economic Law of the Italian Society of International Law (DIEcon); and in December 2023, she has been elected as Member of the Executive Council of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL). She has been Visiting Professor at the China-EU School of Law, speaker and organizer of many international conferences, Visiting Researcher at the European University Institute. Elisa coordinates and participates in international and national research projects. She has been awarded the Jean Monnet Module "Re-Globe - Reforming the Global Economic Governance: The EU for SDGs in International Economic Law" (2022-2025), the Jean Monnet Chair "SustainEUorPlanet - The EU as a Global Actor in the International Law for the Sustainable Development of the Planet – Advancing Fairness, Expanding Accountability and Promoting Security" (2025-2028), and the research fund by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the project "L'Organizzazione mondiale del commercio quale protagonista dello sviluppo sostenibile nel rilancio del sistema multilaterale".



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Elisa has recently been the Coordinator of two UNA Europa Seeds Research Projects: "WHC@50 - Forever Young: Celebrating 50 Years of the World Heritage Convention"; and "ImprovEUorGlobe - The UN 2030 Agenda in the EU Trade Policy: Improving Global Governance for a Sustainable New World". Member of the Scientific Committee of the "Centro Interuniversitario sul Diritto delle Organizzazioni Internazionali Economiche" (CIDOIE), Elisa has also been part of the Promoting Committee of the University of Bologna to honour the 1972 UNESCO Convention, and Member of the Scientific Committee of the Institute of Advances Studies (ISA) of the University of Bologna. In June 2022 she has been appointed by the European Commission TSD Expert for the dispute settlement mechanisms of the new generation of EU free trade agreements. In May 2023, Elisa Baroncini has been appointed Independent Non-executive Director of the Board of Eni S.p.A. She is also Member of the Editorial Board of "The Journal of World Investment & Trade" and the Editorial Board - Section of Bologna of "Diritto del commercio internazionale". Elisa publishes extensively mainly in English and Italian, and her main fields of research include: the reform process of the WTO dispute settlement mechanism; the relation between free trade and non-trade values; transparency and civil society in international economic law; the new generation of EU FTAs and their enforcement; the participation of the European Parliament and the Commission in the EU treaty-making power; the relation between free trade and investment protection and cultural heritage protection; EU and international energy law.



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