



Yale Law School

CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Call for Papers

Deadline for Abstract Submission: 1 February 2018

Yale Law School and the Asia Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) are pleased to announce a call for papers for a workshop on climate change litigation to take place at the National University of Singapore's Faculty of Law on **7-8 June 2018**.

This workshop seeks to bring together a group of researchers who are keen to explore the role of the courts in adjudicating the significance of climate change, whether in terms of responsibility for mitigation and adaptation, or liability for climate-related harms. In some jurisdictions, such as the Netherlands and Pakistan, litigation has already played an instrumental role in forcing the government to alter and enhance its course of action with respect to climate change. In the United States, following the Trump Administration's decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, attention to existing and newly-filed climate lawsuits has intensified, as states, civil society, and environmental groups seek to ensure that the United States stays on track to fulfill its commitments under the Paris Agreement and that private corporations and other appropriate actors are held accountable. In Asia, by contrast, there are relatively few attempts to bring the courts into the realm of climate change governance. However, there is growing interest in the potential for climate litigation to galvanize official and collective action.

It is therefore timely to convene a workshop to critically explore various aspects of climate litigation, particularly its potential as well as limitations as a regulatory pathway and the potential for areas of law other than environmental law (e.g. tort law, company law) to address climate change through adjudication. **We aim to gather a mix of junior and senior scholars from a variety of geographic and disciplinary backgrounds. We encourage everyone to apply.** Papers will be selected based on quality as well as their capacity to engage with other submissions to provoke fruitful debate. Outstanding papers may also be considered for inclusion in a special issue of a top-tier environmental law journal.

Submit an abstract (no more than 500 words) of your proposed paper by **1 February 2018**. Please include: your name, position, institutional affiliation and email address. Click [HERE](#) to submit your abstract.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome by **1 March 2018** and selected participants must submit their papers of up to **10,000 words** in length by **8 May 2018**. Selected participants will receive travel reimbursement for return economy airfare from either the participant's academic institution or home country as well as accommodation for 3 nights in Singapore. Please indicate in your submission whether you require such funding.

Please email lawapcel@nus.edu.sg if you have queries about administrative matters. Please contact Associate Professor Jolene Lin at lawlsjo@nus.edu.sg if you have queries of an academic nature.