

**SPECIAL ISSUE OF *CLIMATE LAW*:
CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF
WORKSHOP AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE**

TOPIC:

***Legal Assessment of the Paris Agreement's Implementation Rules
(Paris Rulebook)***

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A **special issue** of *Climate Law* is planned for early 2019, to consist of 6-10 papers presenting legal analyses of the main elements of the Paris Rulebook. Each paper is also to address the question of whether and how the Paris Rulebook facilitates attainment of the Paris Agreement's Article 2.1(a) objective. The special issue's primary—although not exclusive—focus is thus to be on mitigation. At least six main elements will be covered by a corresponding number of papers; however, up to four more paper topics will be considered for inclusion, for a maximum of ten articles:

1. Nationally Determined Contributions: Content and Process
2. International Finance and Other Forms of Material Support
3. Economic Instruments (Trading)
4. State Reporting on Climate Change Action (and Independent Review Thereof)
5. Facilitation of Implementation/Compliance Mechanism
6. Tracking of Progress/Global Stocktake Process

Papers are to be structurally similar to the extent that they address the following common or cross-cutting themes: treaty background (procedural continuity and change); guiding principles and rules; binding and non-binding elements of the Rulebook; transparency provisions; links with other components of the Rulebook; contribution to containment of global warming below 2°C.

An associated **two-day workshop** for the authors of the special issue's articles, to be held on **24-25 January 2019**, will be led by the co-editors and funded by the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law. Travel, accommodation, and meals will be covered. Workshop participants will be chosen by the co-editors on the basis of abstracts received toward the end of 2018. The special issue's caveat is that if the Paris Rulebook fails to be adopted at the Katowice COP (the COP's final day is 13 December 2018), the project will be postponed by a year. If the Rulebook is successfully adopted in 2018, a call for abstracts will immediately be issued to those who have expressed an interest in the project.

Expressions of interest (with a short biography and topic preference) must be received by 30 November 2018. Prospective authors/workshop participants should be prepared to comply with a tight project schedule. Workshop papers must be ready for circulation **within 4 weeks of the COP's conclusion**, whereas the articles themselves need to be submitted to *Climate Law* **by 7 February 2019**.

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