

# Islands and Climate Change: Going Beyond Adaptation

**NUS LAW, Block B, Level 5, Seminar Room 5-5**

**7 February 2023, 4.00pm - 5.30pm (SGT)**



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In this lecture, Professor Sindico will look at a different facet of islands in the current global framework of climate change: one in which islands, big and small, with more and with less resources, look to the future with optimism and explore the wealth of natural resources at their disposal from the sea and from the land. In particular, he will share insights on how Singapore, an island nation itself, provides a clear example of islands leading the way in innovation when it comes to the promotion of renewable energy.

## PROGRAMME

<b>4.00PM - 4.05PM</b>	<i>Introductory Remarks</i> <b>Tara Davenport</b> Deputy Director, APCEL
<b>4.05PM - 4.45PM</b>	<i>Presentation</i> <b>Francesco Sindico</b> Professor in International Environmental Law, Strathclyde Law School
<b>4.45PM - 5.30PM</b>	<i>Discussion and Q&amp;A</i> with <b>Linda Yanti Sulistiawati</b> Senior Research Fellow, APCEL

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Islands, especially in the South Pacific, are at high risk of being devastated by climate change. They also need to have a just transition to net zero. In this context, **Professor Francesco Sindico** will share about his experience of leading a project on decarbonising islands, drawing on his international law expertise. He will discuss the role of island communities, of science, and of finance in driving, setting and taking forward an island climate ambition. He will also shed light on how domestic and international laws set, drive, and implement ambitious island net zero targets and policies to move islands beyond adaptation and strengthen their position as global climate leaders. The session will conclude with an interactive discussion and Q&A segment that will be moderated by **Dr Tara Davenport** (Deputy Director, APCEL), during which Professor Sindico will be joined by discussant **Dr Linda Yanti Sulistiawati** (Senior Research Fellow, APCEL; Associate Professor, Universitas Gadjah Mada).

## About the Speaker

**Francesco Sindico** is a Professor in International Environmental Law at the Strathclyde Law School. He established and developed the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance (SCELG), now one of the leading environmental law centres in the UK. He leads the EILEAN initiative at SCELG, where he researches about law, islands, and sustainability. As part of his work on islands, he has collaborated with the Scottish Government in the implementation of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 and is seconded to them as the head of the Carbon Neutral Islands Project. He has served as a coordinator for Island Innovation, a global survey on islands and COVID-19; he leads it and the University of Prince Edward Island in creating the COVID-19 Island Insights series. Professor Sindico is very active in the climate law field, especially as Founder and Co-Director of the Climate Change Litigation Initiative (C2LI). He has also worked extensively on international water law, providing legal advice to international organisations and governments before international courts.

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