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Liability for Environmental Harm to the Global Commons

Neil Craik, Tara Davenport,
and Ruth Mackenzie

In their recent book published by Cambridge University Press (2023) on *Liability for Environmental Harm to the Global Commons*, Neil Craik, Tara Davenport, and Ruth Mackenzie examine emerging and prospective international legal rules addressing liability for environmental harm to areas beyond national jurisdiction. By exploring the constituent elements of liability regimes such as the definition and valuation of environmental damage; the allocation of liability; the standard of liability; standing to bring claims; access to remedies; insurance and compensation funds and how these elements have been implemented in existing legal regimes in the deep seabed, the Antarctic, and the high seas, the book highlights key challenges for states in devising effective liability regimes and outlines possible ways forward.

Come join us for an online Panel Discussion on the main findings of the book featuring the authors, with comments from renowned climate change and ocean law experts, Professor Christina Voigt, Professor of Law at the University of Oslo, and Professor Cymie Payne, Associate Professor at Rutgers University, and moderated by Dr. Nilufer Oral, Director at the Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore.

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Dr. Christina Voigt is a Professor of Law at the University of Oslo, Norway, and is a renowned expert in international environmental law. She is passionate about legal issues of climate change, environmental multilateralism, and sustainability. Professor Voigt is Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL). She is currently the first Co-chair of the Paris Agreement's Compliance and Implementation Committee.



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