

# PAST AND FUTURE LEGAL STRATEGIES FOR THE ICJ ADVISORY OPINION ON CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP

5 to 6 February 2026



**NUS Law (Kent Ridge Campus)**  
20 College Ave West  
East Core Level 3, Board Room

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The ICJ Advisory Opinion on state responsibilities for climate change signifies a historic moment for climate justice. Accordingly, there is value in following the development of legal concepts, ideas, and procedures from the campaign for the Advisory Opinion, in order to provide a basis for the legal and environmental community to think about how past legal strategies can inform future ones. This two-day workshop features contributions from junior and senior scholars and practitioners – many of whom have been directly involved in the campaign. It offers a necessary perspective from the legal communities and movement behind the Advisory Opinion on how international law has addressed and will continue to address climate change as an existential problem of planetary proportions.

## PAPERS

### DAY 1, THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY

#### **“Designing Legal Pathways to Climate Justice: The Strategic Genesis of the ICJ Advisory Opinion Request”**

Margaretha WEWERINKE-SINGH & Nicole PONCE  
Associate Professor, University of Amsterdam  
Global Advocacy Lead, World’s Youth for Climate Justice

#### **“Beyond Binding: Legitimacy, Legal Relevance and the Lasting Legacy of the ICJ Climate Ruling”**

Joie CHOWDHURY & Aditi SHETYE  
Senior Attorney, Center for International Environmental Law  
Strategic Litigation Lead, World’s Youth for Climate Justice

#### **“Navigating States’ Divergent Positions on Climate Science in the Climate Change Advisory Proceedings”**

HAN Ying Jie & David BOYD  
LLM Student, University of British Columbia  
Professor, University of British Columbia

#### **“Knowledge Beyond Hegemony: Epistemic (In)justice in the ICJ’s Climate Change Advisory Opinion”**

Natalia URZOLA  
SJD Candidate, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

#### **“Giving the Future a Voice: Arguments Presented on Behalf of Future Generations”**

Theresa AMOR-JÜRGENSSEN  
Research Lead, World’s Youth for Climate Justice

#### **“Legal Narratives and Geopolitical Interests: The ICJ Advisory Proceedings on Climate Change as a Case Study in International Adjudication”**

YANG Huiwen  
Research Associate, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law

#### **“International Collaboration in and around the Courtroom: Jointly Creating a Legal Strategy”**

Johanna GUSMAN, Cristelle PRATT & Justin SOBION  
Senior Attorney, Centre for International Environmental Law  
Assistant Secretary General, Organisation of African, Caribbean, and Pacific States  
Lecturer, University of Auckland

#### **“From the Community to the Courtroom: Lessons in Applying Climate Change Testimony in Practice”**

Kristin CASPER, Danilo GARRIDO, Louise FOURNIER, Richard HARVEY, Michelle JONKER-ARGUETA, & Maria Alejandra Serra BARNEY  
Counsel, Greenpeace International

#### **“Bringing the Frontlines to the ICJ: Storytelling as a Legal Strategy”**

Vishal PRASAD, Cynthia HONIHI, Siosua VEIKUNE, Lileta SOAKAI & Belyndar RIKIMANI  
Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change

### DAY 2, FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY

#### **“Looking back to Look Forward: The Two-Decade journey Towards the ICJ Advisory Opinion and the Next Twenty Years of Climate Law and Politics”**

César RODRÍGUEZ-GARAVITO  
Professor, New York University of School of Law

#### **“The Advent of Global Fraternity: The Law in the Face of the Climate Emergency”**

Ecab AMOR VÁZQUEZ and Eduardo FERRER MAC-GREGOR  
Doctoral Student, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid  
Former Judge, Inter-American Court of Human Rights

#### **“The ICJ Opinion as a Model for Domestic Systemic Integration”**

Sam BOOKMAN  
Lecturer, Melbourne Law School

#### **“Achieving Ocean’s Protection through the Climate-Ocean-Human Rights Nexus”**

Astrid PUENTES RIAÑO  
Special Rapporteur, United Nations

#### **“Climate Justice for Vulnerable Geographies: Himalaya Systems as a Case Study”**

Ananda Mohan BHATTARAI, Prajwol Bickram RANA & Shreya SANJEL  
Retired Justice, Nepal Supreme Court  
Asian Front Covenor, World’s Youth for Climate Justice  
Judicial Officer, Nepal Supreme Court

#### **“Drawing on the Full Range of Sources of International Law to Clarify the Stringent Due Diligence Obligations to Protect the Planet’s Life-Supporting Systems”**

Elisa MORGERA  
Professor, University of Durham; Special Rapporteur for Climate Change, United Nations

#### **“Strict Due Diligence and The End of Fossil Fuels: International Obligations of Historical Polluters”**

José Daniel RODRÍGUEZ ORÚE  
Strategic Advisor, World’s Youth for Climate Justice

#### **“The ICJ Advisory Opinion, regime Interaction, and Governance for Planetary Health”**

Matthew CARVALHO  
Researcher, Sunway University and Georgetown University

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