

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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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

SESSION 1: THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY, 09:40-11:00 (SGT) "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

SESSION 2: THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY, 11:30-12:50 (SGT)

"Navigating States' Divergent Positions on Climate Science in the Climate Change Advisory Proceedings" (ZOOM)

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" (ZOOM)

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

SESSION 3: THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY, 14:00-15:20 (SGT)

"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

SESSION 4: THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY, 15:50-17:50 (SGT)

"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" (ZOOM)

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

SESSION 5: FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY, 10:00-12:00 (SGT)

"Looking back to Look Forward: The Two-Decade journey Towards the ICJ Advisory Opinion and the Next Twenty Years of Climate Law and Politics" (ZOOM)

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

"Achieving Ocean's Protection through the Climate-Ocean-Human Rights Nexus" (ZOOM)

Astrid PUENTES RIAÑO
Special Rapporteur, United Nations

"The ICJ Opinion as a Model for Domestic Systemic Integration"

Sam BOOKMAN
Lecturer, Melbourne Law School

SESSION 6: FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY, 13:00-15:00 (SGT)

"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

"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

"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

SESSION 7: FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY, 15:30-16:50 (SGT)

"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" (ZOOM)

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

"The ICJ Advisory Opinion, regime Interaction, and Governance for Planetary Health"

Matthew CARVALHO
Researcher, Sunway University and Georgetown University

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