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CLIMA's New Grant: Carbon Solutions to Stella Edzesomwe!

Ms Stella Edzesomwe has been awarded the **Carlsberg Foundation** and the **Carlsberg Foundation** for the three-year project **Carbon Solutions for Smallholder Farmers** at Jacob Gruschke Bay, Sunrise Storage Use Low-Science Interface, which will be carried out in the Kenyan Rift Valley. The project is a collaboration between Kenyan and Danish science can be better integrated into legal and financial frameworks that support smallholder farmers in the Rift Valley tourism. Congratulations Stella!

Read more here.

Research

New Article on Arctic Downgrading Governance

Check out **Francesca Fiorani**'s new article, co-written with **Johanna Boehert** and **Kristian Lauesen**, "Arctic Governance Downgrading: Institutional Change in Greenland and Beyond" in Cambridge Polar Law Review. The article examines how institutions, positioned in the interactive governance literature as actors that can resist or slow institutional change, can also be the agents of change. It argues that the narrow path it leaves for rights-based governance in the Arctic is one that is shaped by institutional actors who are neither fully inside nor fully outside the governance system, but who can still influence its direction.

Read more here.

New Piece on Climate Risk in Swedish Courts

Congratulations to our friend, **Linda Wallbom**, who has written a piece on climate risk in Swedish courts, building on her thesis work. Sweden's first climate lawsuit, brought by Greenpeace against the Swedish Pension Fund, has been dismissed on procedural grounds, but the case still raises questions about how courts may interpret the narrow path it leaves for rights-based governance in the Arctic. The piece argues that courts can still influence the direction of institutional change, even when they do not directly rule on the merits. Read the piece here.

New Podcast Episode on Climate Governance and the Arctic Political Landscape

Listen to the podcast in which we interview **Alberta Arctic Governance Research Chair Lassi Heininen** and **Kristian Lauesen** on the Arctic political landscape and climate governance.

Lassi is a professor at Oulu University, Finland, and the Alberta Arctic Governance Research Chair at the Alberta Sustainable Resource Development Office, Canada. The Arctic Governance Research Chair is a multidisciplinary research initiative with three workstreams: Arctic governance, Arctic resource development, and Arctic energy and the environment in Canada.

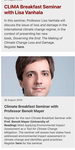
Read more here.

New Chairs of the KU One Planet Climate Board

Congratulations to our friends, **Professor Jens Hjorthede Laursen** and **Professor Ole Mathiesen**, on their appointment as the new chairs of the KU One Planet Climate Board.

The KU One Planet Board brings together 30 academic staff and students from all four faculties and departments, providing an administrative staff in three workstreams: climate research, teaching and learning, and energy and the environment in Oslo.

Read more here.



CLIMA Met with a Delegation of Environmental Judges from China

Professor Jul Mikaly, CLIMA's leader in Copenhagen, met with a delegation from the Supreme People's Court of China, and Professor Jul Mikaly gave a presentation on Environmental Adjudication in Climate Change Litigation, environmental law, and the relationship between climate, energy, and the environment in China.

Two Key Milestones in the Horizon Europe Project CORRESPECT

CLIMA advanced research in the EU-funded project CORRESPECT, which examines how corporate responsibility for human rights and environmental harm is shaped by EU law. University of Copenhagen, and the Copenhagen Business School, hosted two key milestones in the project. These events gathered researchers to debate how corporate responsibility for human rights and environmental harm in climate change. Read more about the project here.

New 4EU+ Project: Climate Change and EU Fiscal Innovation

Congratulations to our friends, **Professor Ingolf Pernice**, **Professor Ole Mathiesen**, and **Professor Jens Hjorthede Laursen** on launching a 4EU+ alliance project on how the EU can use its own resources to finance climate and other public goods. Find out more here.

Events

Lunch Seminar with Niels Dorloff

Join us for the CLIMA Lunch Seminar with **Niels Dorloff** on the Danish Climate Law and the Climate Law of the EU (CLIMA). The CMR Climate Law Group will be hosting a lunch seminar with Niels Dorloff, who will give a presentation on the Danish Climate Law and the Climate Law of the EU. Niels Dorloff is a PhD student at the Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities, where he is working on the implementation of the Danish Climate Law, and the implementation of the EU Climate Law, including business practices and driving sustainable transformations in the Danish business sector.

Register here to participate.

Lunch Seminar with Viktor Weber

Join us for the CLIMA Lunch Seminar with **Viktor Weber** will examine the challenges of climate-related litigation against the fossil fuel industry, focusing on how courts in different jurisdictions are shaping liability, market dynamics, and environmental governance. The talk will provide a comparative overview of key cases and legal developments, highlighting how litigation may drive deeper accountability and emerging business practices and driving sustainable transformations in the Danish business sector.

Register here to participate.

CLIMA Breakfast Seminar with Lisa Vanhala

Join us for a breakfast seminar. We explore with discuss the issue of law and the design of institutions for climate governance. We will also discuss how to write a research proposal for a book. Governing the Grid: The Making of Institutions for Clean Energy.

Register here.

Seminar on Shipping Decarbonisation Risks

Join us for a CLIMA Lunch Seminar, which will discuss the issue of how and the design of institutions for climate governance. We will also discuss how to write a research proposal for a book. Governing the Grid: The Making of Institutions for Clean Energy.

Register here.

Opportunities

Call for abstracts: Interdisciplinary Seminar on Climate, Energy and Sustainability

Call for Abstracts to present your research on Climate, Energy and Sustainability on 23 April 2026 at Copenhagen Business School.

Read more here.

PhD Positions Open at University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law

Are you interested in pursuing a PhD in the intersection between law and climate change, environmental law? Consider joining the Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen. Apply for a PhD position in Climate Change Governance, Climate Litigation, Climate Risk Governance, Climate Finance, or Climate Law. Read more here.

Join our Climate Dojo!

Join us and start sharing your ideas on Climate and Climate Law and Governance. Do you want to interact with researchers?

Join the Climate Dojo here.

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Other Climate and Sustainability News

Climate Law Governance Network Conference

Copenhagen Business School, Kristian IV Allé, Denmark, 9 June 2026.

Climate Change Law Forum – Fund and Finance Climate Change Law and Governance

Online, Zoom, Berlin, 10 June 2026.

Climate Governance Network – International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

Online, Zoom, Berlin, 11 June 2026.

Climate Law Forum – Climate Law in Courts

Copenhagen, Zoom, Berlin, 12 June 2026.

Climate Law Forum – Climate Law in Courts

Online, Zoom, Berlin, 18 June 2026.

Visiting scholars

Tshilidzwa Bernard Magoro

We are pleased to welcome **Tshilidzwa Bernard Magoro** to CMR. He is a PhD candidate at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, in the Sea Energy Law Partnership. He will be visiting CMR from 1 June to 31 August 2026. His research focuses on the Carbon Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and the implications of the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) for South Africa. In June and July, Find out more about his research here.

Andrea Tranvi

Andrea Tranvi is a visiting researcher in Copenhagen at the **University of Cagliari**. His research focuses on the governance of climate risk in the insurance sector, particularly the interaction between climate risk, insurance markets, and financial stability and supervisory authorities. Andrea will visit CLIMA from 1 June to 31 August 2026.

Learn more about Andrea here.

Emilie Victoria Nørgaard Ellger

Emilie Victoria Nørgaard Ellger holds an LL.M. from the University of Copenhagen and is currently a PhD fellow at the University of Copenhagen. Her research focuses on the protection of Greenland's environment and nature, including the rights of nature and the rights of indigenous peoples.

Learn more about Emilie here.

Serena Fabbrini

Serena is a lawyer specialised and administrative law with a focus on environmental and climate law. The focus of her research is the application of EU law in the Member States, with a particular focus on the implementation of EU environmental law and the rule of law in environmental matters.

Learn more about Serena here.

Bernadette Virginia Fredell

Bernadette Virginia Fredell is a Master's student in Law at the University of Copenhagen. Her research focuses on the intersection between climate governance and national legal systems, in particular how international climate commitments are implemented and contested in domestic legal orders.

Learn more about Bernadette here.

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