



Climate and Sustainability News

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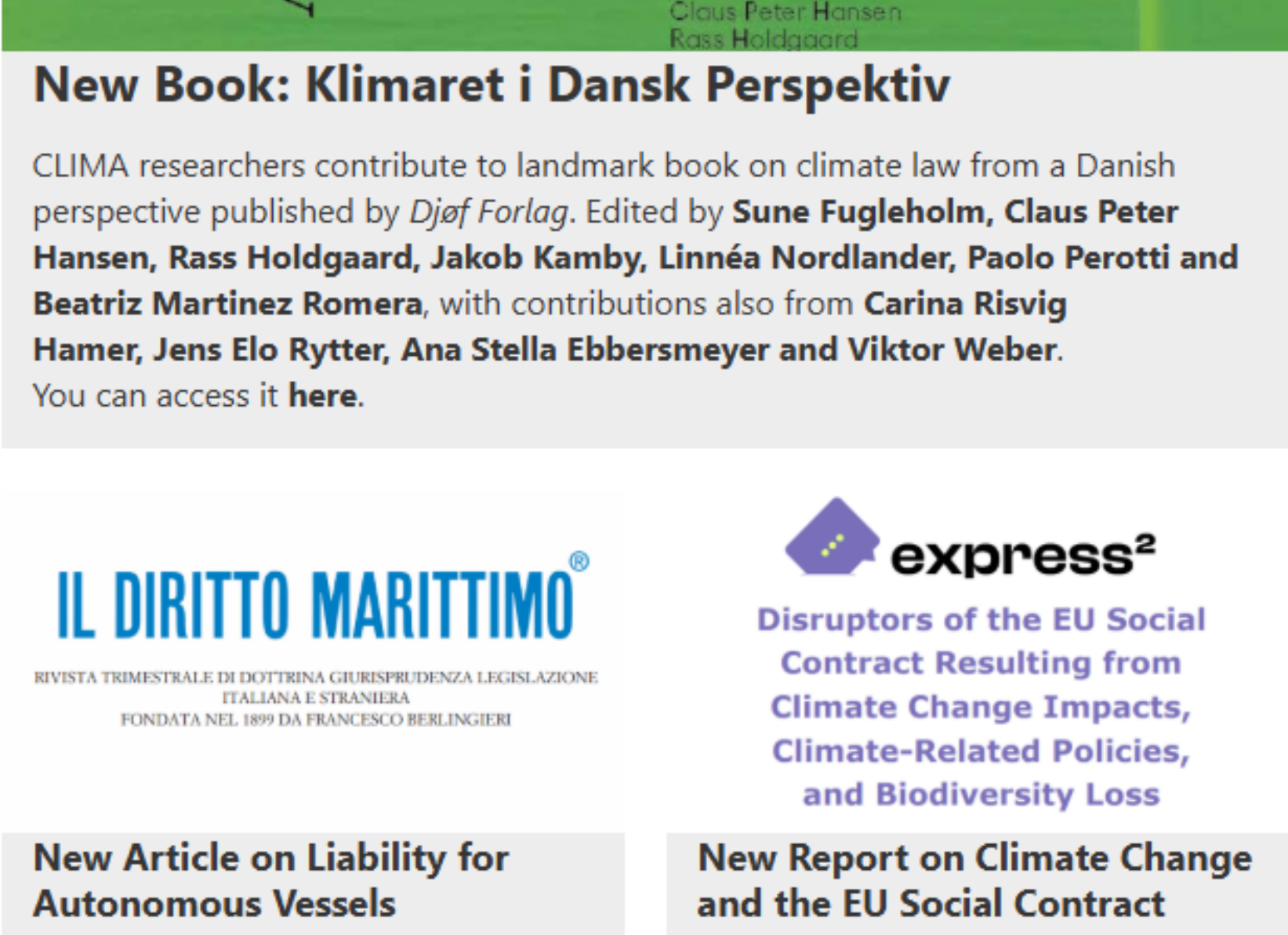


Season's Greetings from CLIMA and Best Wishes for 2026!

We are happy to share the final Climate and Sustainability Newsletter of this year, filled with exciting events, research and opportunities.

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful 2025. Here's to continuing our journey toward a more sustainable future together! Godt nytår!

Research



New Book: Klimaret i Dansk Perspektiv

CLIMA researchers contribute to landmark book on climate law from a Danish perspective published by *Djof Forlag*. Edited by **Sune Fugleholm, Claus Peter Hansen, Rasm Høldgaard, Jakob Kamby, Linnéa Nordlander, Paolo Perotti and Beatriz Martínez Romera**, with contributions also from **Carina Risvig Hamer, Jens Elo Rytter, Ana Stella Ebbesmeyer and Viktor Weber**. You can access it [here](#).



REVISTA TRIMESTRALE DI DIRITTO E ECONOMIA DELLO SCAMBIO
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New Article on Liability for Autonomous Vessels

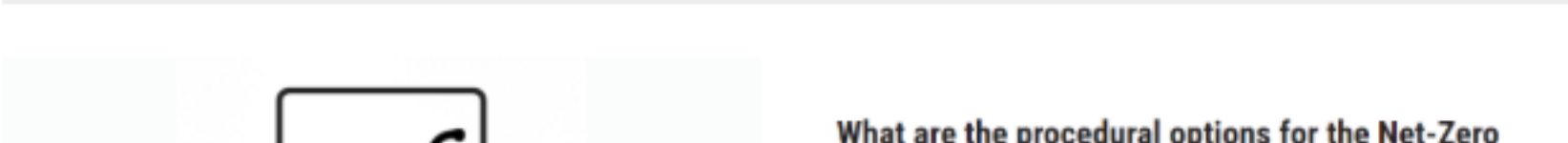
Sebastiano Gianino's new article explores how international, EU, and national laws in Italy and Denmark struggle to regulate autonomous ships. The article highlights legal gaps, different national approaches, and the need to align liability, safety, and operational standards with advancing MASS technology. You can access it [here](#).



Disruptors of the EU Social Contract Resulting from Climate Change Impacts, Climate-Related Policies, and Biodiversity Loss

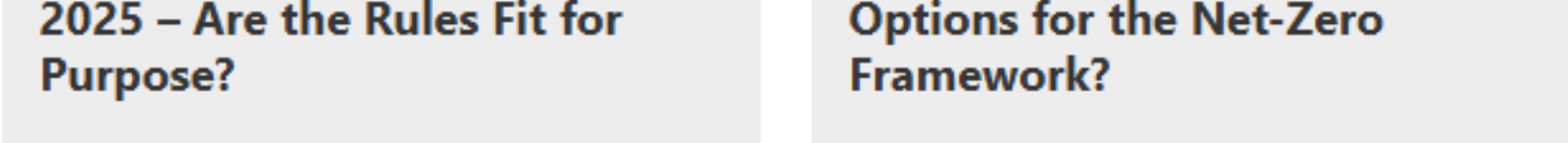
New Report on Climate Change and the EU Social Contract

Alberto Barrio and **Beatriz Martínez Romera's** report analyses how climate change impacts and climate related policies disrupt the European social contract. The report highlights risks for social cohesion and sets out options to align climate action with social protection and just transitions in the EU. Read the report [here](#).



New Book: Human Rights and Investment Law for Climate Change

Human Rights and Investment Law for Climate Change, edited by **Beatriz Martínez Romera, Linnéa Nordlander, Alessandro Monti and Jens Elo Rytter**, explores how human rights and investment law shape states' capacity to pursue ambitious climate action. The volume brings together leading scholars looking at the key tensions and opportunities at the intersection of these legal regimes, which are relevant for policymakers, practitioners and researchers. Learn more about it [here](#).



EU Public Procurement anno 2025 – Are the Rules Fit for Purpose?

Discover the key conclusions from the conference *EU Public Procurement anno 2025 – Are the rules fit for purpose?*, which gathered practitioners, academics and policymakers to discuss how EU procurement law should be modernised. The project, led by **Carina Risvig Hamer**, highlights priorities such as better integrating digitalisation and sustainability. Access the conclusions [here](#).

What are the procedural options for the Net-Zero Framework?

• This guidance explains what the new and old Net-Zero Frameworks
• It provides a step-by-step guide to implementation

Edited by: **Beatriz Martínez Romera and Beatriz Martínez Romera**

Following updates to the Net-Zero Framework in the Net-Zero Act, the Net-Zero Framework is now the Net-Zero Framework

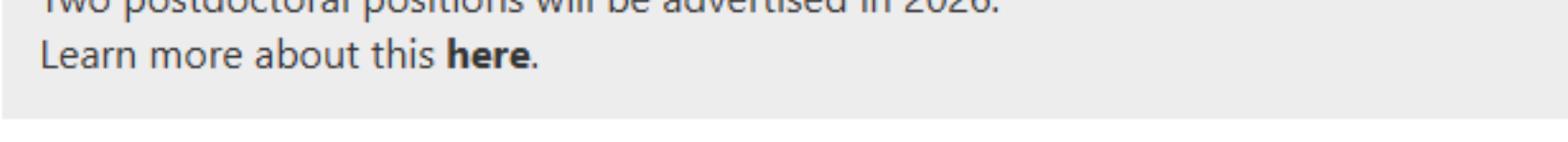
What Are the Procedural Options for the Net-Zero Framework?

Christiaan De Beukelaer and **Beatriz Martínez Romera** examine the recent delay in the adoption of the Net-Zero Framework (NZF) at the International Maritime Organisation. In this *Lloyd's List* publication, they outline five procedural scenarios for a meaningful decarbonisation measure in 2026. Read more [here](#).



New Grant for Shipping Pollution Research

CLIMA's project *Pollution at Sea: Vessel Impacts and Regime Interaction in Ocean, Climate and Biodiversity Law (SeaPact)* has received from the **Independent Research Fund Denmark** over DKK 7 million. The project, led by **Beatriz Martínez Romera**, will investigate how international law addresses marine environmental protection from vessel-based pollution, with a particular focus on scrubbers and vessel-based marine litter. Two postdoctoral positions will be advertised in 2026. Learn more about this [here](#).



New NordForsk Grant: Autonomous Technologies for Ocean Governance

Autonomous Technologies for Ocean Governance (AUTO-MARE) receives NOK 15 million from **NordForsk**. CLIMA is part of the consortium carrying out the project, led by **Romain Chuffart**, University of Akureyri. CLIMA's work package, led by **Beatriz Martínez Romera**, focuses on shipping, ocean and Arctic governance. A related postdoctoral position is expected to be advertised in 2026. Learn more about this [here](#).

New Research Grant: From Beef to Bean (BETRUE)

CLIMA is part of the European project *From beef to bean: the potential of live pricing as an instrument for systemic change in the transition to plant-based alternatives*, led by **André Nollkaemper**, University of Amsterdam. The project has received funding of around €1.3 million from **EU framework** and the **Innovation Fund Denmark**. CLIMA's work package, led by **Beatriz Martínez Romera**, looks into price instruments for food-related GHGs in Denmark and the EU. A postdoctoral position will be advertised in 2026. Learn more about this [here](#).



Sino-Danish Colloquium on Global Climate Governance and Multilateralism

In November, CLIMA organised the *2025 Sino-Danish Colloquium on Global Climate Governance and Multilateralism*, bringing together an interdisciplinary delegation of scholars in law, anthropology and climate science from Denmark, US, New Zealand, and Iceland. Jointly hosted in China with the **Research Institute of Environmental Law (RIEL)** at **Wuhan University**, and supported by the **Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark in Beijing** and **Innovation Centre Denmark**, the event marked the 75th anniversary of Denmark-China diplomatic relations, the 50th anniversary of Europe-China diplomatic relations and Denmark's EU Presidency. Find out more [here](#).



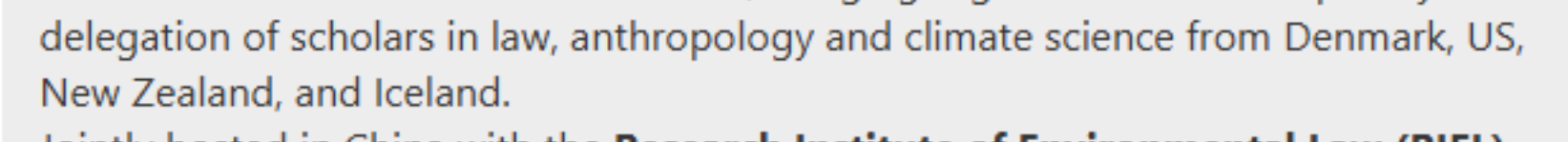
Podcast Episode: Professor Lisa Vanhala on Governing Climate Loss and Damage

In this episode, **Prof. Lisa Vanhala** discusses the key findings of her book *Governing the End: The Making of Climate Change Loss and Damage*, which untangles the complexity of law, politics, and diplomatic practices in international climate governance. You can access this and other episodes [here](#).



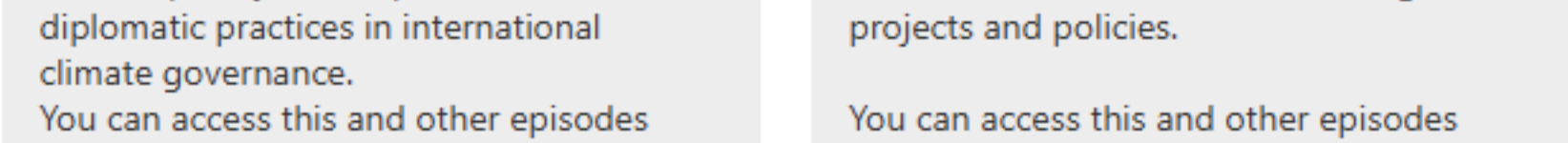
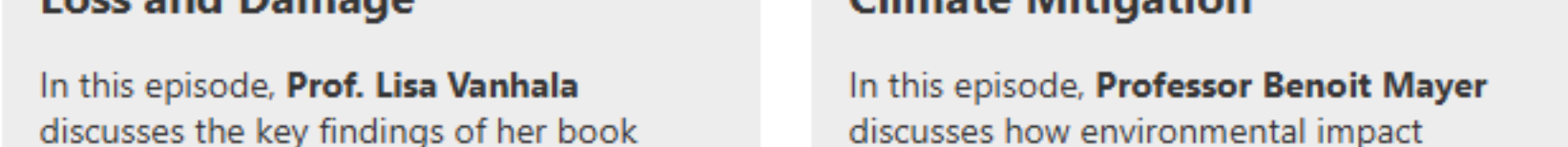
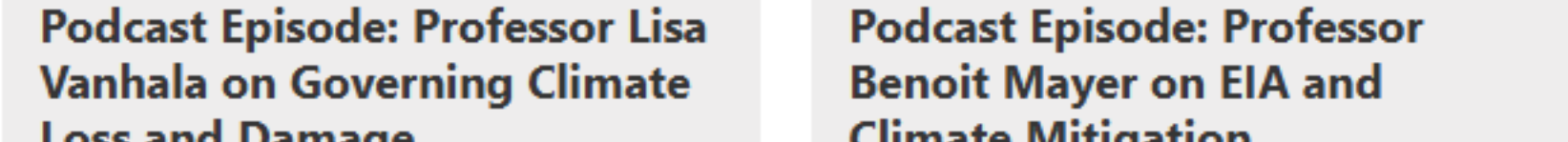
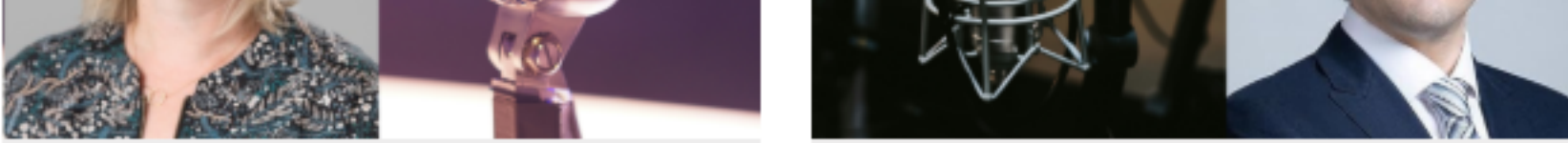
Podcast Episode: Professor Benoit Mayer on EIA and Climate Mitigation

In this episode, **Professor Benoit Mayer** discusses how environmental impact assessment (EIA) can support climate change mitigation by integrating climate considerations into decision-making on projects and policies. You can access this and other episodes [here](#).



Åbo Akademi University visits CLIMA

CLIMA was pleased to host the Swedish-speaking law student association (**Stadga r.f.**) from **Åbo Akademi University** in Finland at the University of Copenhagen. The visit, which took place in October, provided an excellent opportunity for education exchanges on topics related to law, governance, and sustainability in the Nordic context.



29 January 2026

Book Launch: Climate Law in a Danish Perspective

The book *Climate Law in a Danish Perspective* will be launched at the Faculty of Law on **29 January from 15:00 to 18:00**, featuring a high-level panel with policymakers and leading scholars on climate change law. This event offers an opportunity to engage with practitioners, researchers and decision-makers working on climate change. If you are interested in join us, contact beatriz.martinez.romera@jur.ku.dk.



CLIMA Lunch Seminar with Danjelle Midgley

Interested in climate litigation in South Africa? Join us for this Lunch Seminar with environmental lawyer and PhD researcher **Danjelle Midgley**, who will share insights on climate justice litigation strategies in South Africa and her work with the Centre for Environmental Rights. Learn more about the event and register [here](#).



CLIMA Lunch Seminar with Teresa Roa Martínez

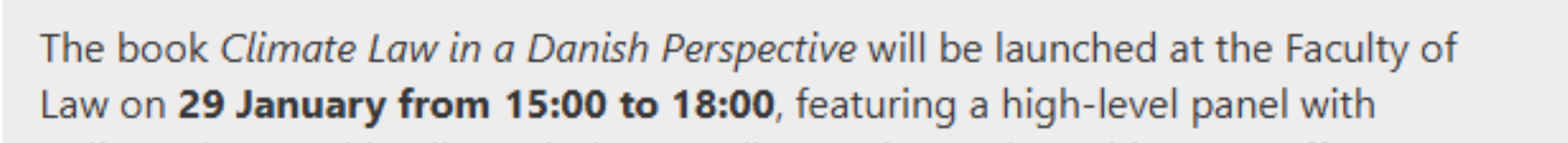
Join us for this Lunch Seminar on *Ensuring public administrations' accountability: a legal pathway for climate action* with **Teresa Roa Martínez**. Teresa will discuss how European and international law can be used to hold public authorities accountable for inadequate climate action, drawing on case law and administrative liability regimes. Learn more and register [here](#).

Opportunities



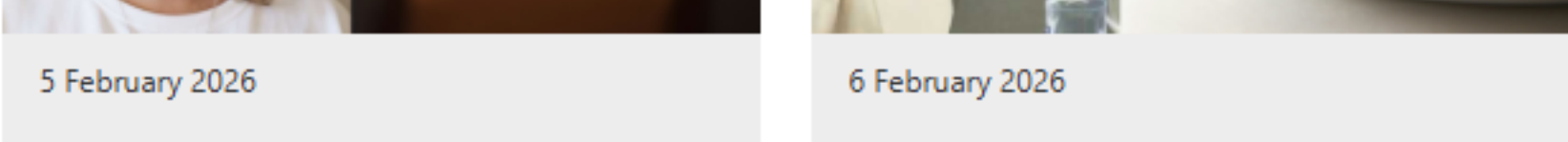
Call for Abstracts: XVIII Interdisciplinary Seminar on Climate, Energy and Sustainability

Call for Abstracts to present your research at the upcoming *Interdisciplinary Seminar on Climate, Energy and Sustainability* on **16 April 2026**. The seminar offers an opportunity to students and junior researchers working on climate and sustainability related topics to present their research. Submit your abstract by **8 March** to **Stella Ebbesmeyer** at ase@jur.ku.dk.



Call for Applications for 6 External Early-Career Researcher Fellowships

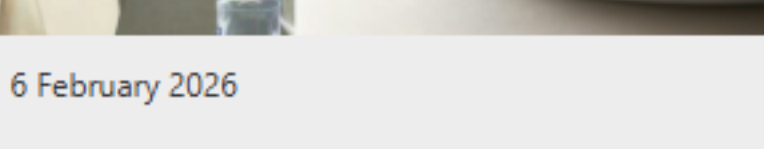
The **Governance Frameworks for the Nordic Energy Transition at Sea (GNTS)** project, funded by **Nordic Energy Research**, invites applications for six fully funded fellowships for external early-career researchers (PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers) to join its mobility and training programme for 2026–2027. GNTS is a cooperation between the **University of Bergen**, the **University of Gotheburg**, **Åbo Akademi University** and **CLIMA** at the **University of Copenhagen**. Deadline for applications is the **5 January 2026**. If you are interested please contact coastlaw@ulb.no.



Join our Climate Desk!

Are you a student starting your BA or MA thesis on climate change law? Are you looking for a professional environment, and the possibility to interact with researchers?

Apply to our Climate Desk now by contacting **Linnéa Nordlander** at linnea.nordlander@jur.ku.dk.



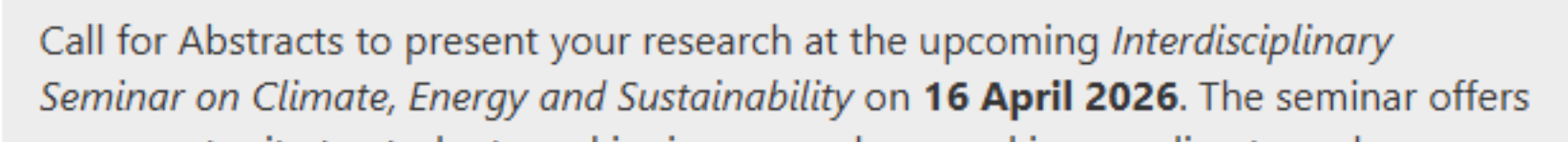
The Danish Climate and Energy Law Society Joins Green Corner

We welcome the **Danish Climate and Energy Law Society** to our Green Corner. The green corner provides a platform for collaboration between many stakeholders and the Faculty of Law to advance the green transition. Join our 28 partner organisations. Contact beatriz.martinez.romera@jur.ku.dk.



Apply for the Advanced LL.M. in Energy Law!

Advance your expertise in energy law with the North Sea Energy Law Programme (NSEL), a part-time accredited LL.M. designed for professionals. This joint degree is offered by the universities of **Groningen**, **Oslo**, **Aberdeen** and **Copenhagen**, focusing on key energy law topics like market liberalization, climate transitions, and energy security. **Applications are open all year**. Learn more and apply [here](#).



Opportunity for Law Students to Join the Danish Climate and Energy Law Society

Are you a law student interested in energy and climate change? You can now become a member of CLIMA's Green Corner partner, the **Danish Climate and Energy Law Society / Dansk Forening for Klima- og Energiret**, at no cost. Founded in 1984, the Society aims to promote interest and knowledge in energy and climate law. To this end, the Society hosts lectures and discussions contributing to developments in this legal field. If you are interested, please contact **Søren Hornbæk Svendsen** at shs@horten.dk.



Job opportunities in climate and sustainability

Communications Officer at the **International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)**. Apply [here](#) by **24 December 2025**.

New Food Economy Analyst Consultant at **World Resources Institute Indonesia**. Apply [here](#) by **27 December 2025**.

Project Officer – Specialist in Vulnerability Analysis and Climate-Smart Technologies at the **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**. Apply [here](#) by **15 January 2026**.

Sustainable Agriculture and Livestock Coordinator at the **Nature Conservancy**. Apply [here](#) by **5 January 2026**.

Philanthropy Grant Writer at the **Nature Conservancy**. Apply [here](#) by **12 January 2026**.

Legal Intern at the **Wildlife Justice Commission**. Apply by **15 January 2026**. More information [here](#).

Postdoc on Reshaping Food Systems through food-society reconnection at the **Institute for Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**. Apply [here](#) by **15 January 2026**.

Internship at the Deeds-BIO legal clinic (Lund University). Apply [here](#) by **15 January 2026**.

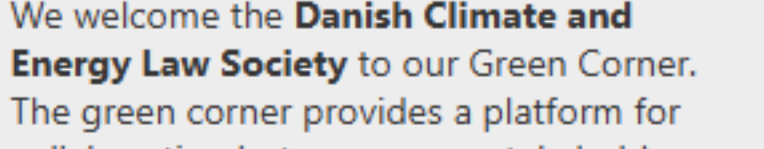
Associate Professor in Climate Change and Planetary Health at the **London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)**. Apply [here](#) by **21 January 2026**.

Visiting scholars



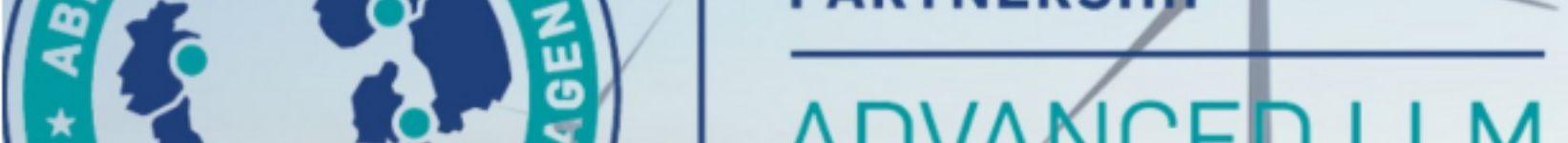
Teresa Roa Martínez

Teresa Roa Martínez is a predoctoral researcher at the *Universidad de Vigo* in Spain. Funded through a competitive predoctoral fellowship awarded by the *Xunta de Galicia*. Her doctoral research examines the liability of public administrations for harms arising from climate change. Teresa will be visiting CLIMA from **January to March 2026**. Learn more about Teresa's research [here](#).



Danjelle Midgley

Danjelle Midgley is an environmental lawyer in South Africa with over ten years of experience, both in private practice at a specialist environmental law firm and in the public interest civil society sector. She works as an attorney at the **Centre for Environmental Rights**. She will be visiting CLIMA on **February 2026**. Learn more about Danjelle's research [here](#).



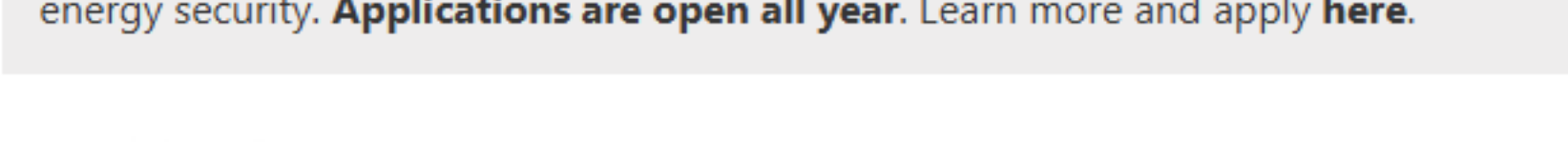
Luigi Pigna

Luigi Pigna is a PhD candidate in Public, Comparative and International Law at *Sapienza University of Rome*. His research focuses on human rights-based climate litigation in the EU, climate justice, and the intersections between EU climate law, data protection and the regulation of artificial intelligence. Luigi will visit CLIMA from **January to July 2026**. Learn more about Luigi [here](#).



Stefania De Angelis

Stefania De Angelis is an Italian PhD student at the *University of Calabria*. Her research project focuses on air pollution effects and legal consequences of the responsibility of private individuals and the State for the protection of the fundamental right to health both nationally and internationally. Stefania will visit CLIMA from **February to August 2026**. Learn more about Stefania [here](#).



Alumni from UCPH?

Our newsletter shares the latest climate and sustainability stories and news from the Faculty of Law about events, research, education and opportunities.

For further information, contact **Beatriz Martínez Romera**: beatrizmartinez.romera@jur.ku.dk.

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