IN MEMORIAM ANITA RØNNE - THE NORTH SEA AND BEYOND: 
THE CHALLENGE OF DECOMMISSIONING OF OIL AND GAS INSTALLATIONS

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LOCATION: Copenhagen, Denmark

NUMBER OF SPEAKERS: 15-18 (including Keynote Speaker and Organizers)

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 100

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Prof. Peter D. Cameron – Head of Center for Petroleum, Energy and Mineral Law and Policy (University of Dundee, United Kingdom)

SPEAKERS: Prof. Rafael Leal Arcas (Queen Mary University of London – Center for Commercial Law Studies), Prof. Don Smith (University of Denver, United States of America).

IN MEMORIAM ANITA RØNNE:

The event is dedicated to Anita Rønne, former associate professor in Energy Law and Sustainability at the University of Copenhagen, and one of the promoters of the conference.

As part of the event, there will be a book launch, collecting some of Anita’s representative works in the area of energy law and sustainability. Former colleagues, collaborators and family of Anita will take this opportunity to remember and honour her memory and her work.

CONFERENCE THEME:

For more than 150 years, oil has fuelled economies across the globe. With a fast-paced technological development, a population boom and a hunger for resources, which have increased consumption of fossil fuels, it is no wonder that more and more oil and gas fields are in their maturity phase and are rapidly approaching or have already entered the depletion phase.

Countries with offshore oil and gas industries are currently facing, or are going to face, decommissioning activities in their economic areas. Only in the North Sea there are more than 600 installations and more than 25000 km of underwater pipelines. With more and more fields approaching depletion, recent reports estimate decommissioning costs to go beyond 100 billion dollars. However, despite the staggering amounts involved, decommissioning raises also challenges with respect to contractual obligations, environmental liability, security agreements, accounting and taxation, re-use of installations and equipment or residual obligations.

The conference is relevant to and aims to stir the interest of a large number of stakeholders: public authorities and regulators that are looking to develop best practice regulations, practitioners interested to know the current industry practices, legislative provisions and regulation in their own country or elsewhere, as well as scholars and students.
CALL FOR PAPERS:

The conference aims to expand legal knowledge by focusing on an overlooked, yet increasingly relevant topic of great societal importance, addressing the systemic differences between jurisdictions, and identifying answers to common challenges posed by decommissioning and abandonment of oil and gas installations. At the same time, the conference has a strong focus and emphasis on Nordic perspectives and solutions, relevant to the North Sea area.

The envisioned panels reflect some of the most challenging legal topics posed by decommissioning:

Panel 1: Regulatory and Financial Challenges of Decommissioning,

Panel 2: The Protection of the (Marine) Environment in Decommissioning Operations

Panel 3: Decommissioning Liabilities in Multi-Tier Petroleum Agreements,

Panel 4: Nordic Experiences in Decommissioning.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

The conference call is open to papers addressing topics that cover any of the aspects mentioned in the envisioned panels. Papers referring to decommissioning aspects and challenges in the North Sea area are particularly welcomed.

Proposals must be submitted with a suggested title, author’s name and affiliation, an abstract not exceeding 500 words and an indication of the panel, by email to Dr. Catalin Stanescu (catalin-gabriel.stanescu@jur.ku.dk) by 31st of March 2019. The final decision will be communicated to the authors by the 15th of April 2019.

The choice of proposals will seek to ensure a balanced representation of the various aspects of the conference theme and ensure a wide representation of jurisdictions.

Contributors are expected to submit a full draft paper for the conference by the 22nd of May 2019 and a final version no later than by the 22nd of July 2019.

A peer-reviewed publication (edited book or special issue of a journal) is anticipated as the outcome of the conference.

There is no registration fee for conference speakers. Lunch, tea & coffee and refreshments will be provided for all participants during the conference. Speakers will also be invited to our speakers’ dinner free of charge.

The conference does not envision coverage of funds for travel or accommodation for all participants, but it will offer financial support to 3 PhD students or postdocs that cannot self-finance their participation.

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