

# TRAMEREN

TRANSATLANTIC MARITIME EMISSIONS  
RESEARCH NETWORK



UNIVERSITY OF  
COPENHAGEN



NYU | LAW



**Guarini Center**  
on Environmental, Energy  
& Land Use Law  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

## IV TRAMEREN's International Conference on **Enhancing Climate Action beyond the State**

(Copenhagen, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2022)

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Centre for International Law and Governance, **Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen**, and the Frank Guarini Center, **New York University School of Law** welcome proposals for paper presentations at the IV TRAMEREN International Conference on Enhancing Climate Action beyond the State, which will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2022.

## Conference Background, Overarching Questions and Sessions

---

Building on the [2016 I TRAMEREN Conference on Maritime Transport and Climate Change](#), the [2018 II International TRAMEREN Conference on Frontiers in Ocean Environmental Governance](#), and the [2019 III TRAMEREN International Conference on Arctic Environmental and Climate Change Governance](#), the **2022 IV TRAMEREN** Conference aims to explore how climate action can be advanced by sub- and non-state actors.

With the Paris Agreement entering into force in November 2016, 193 parties have committed to collectively combat climate change on a global scale. The goal was set to limit global temperature warming to well below 2 degrees, aiming at 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. In order to achieve this goal, the Agreement introduced the concept of nationally determined contributions (NDCs), in which states are to put forward their best efforts for reducing emissions. However, the past years have shown that states' NDC pledges are not ambitious enough in order to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement. As a result, other stakeholders such as sub- and non-state actors are becoming increasingly important in bridging governance gaps and enhancing climate action, which has been demonstrated by programs like the Lima-Paris Action Agenda (LPAA) and the Non-state Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA). Consequently, an examination of the different sub- and non-state actors is crucial in defining a way forward in global climate governance.

Against this background, the Fourth International TRAMEREN conference seeks to explore in an interdisciplinary manner how sub- and non-state actors, such as cities, civil society groups, international organizations, businesses and others can enhance climate action in order to achieve the Paris Agreement goals.

Among others, the conference aims to address the **following questions**:

- How can non-state and subnational actors increase climate ambition (mode of influence)?
- What can these actors do independently and what collectively / in collaboration with others to contribute to climate action?
- What has been, and can be, the effect of non-state action on international climate policies and on national policies?

The conference is organized around **six thematic sessions** addressing the following topics:

### 1) Business, Industry and Finance

The first session will delve into the question of how businesses and industry can contribute to climate action. It will address issues such as the renewable energy transition, sustainable procurement and eco-friendly infrastructure, exploring how companies can lead the transition to less carbon-intensive models of production and consumption. Contributions are welcome also on climate change finance, due diligence and reporting, directors' responsibility, and shareholder activism.

- 2) Regional/International Organizations and Regimes  
This session will explore the role of regional/international organizations and regimes in enhancing climate action. Themes under this session could include the role of international organizations, such as the WTO, OECD, UNCTAD, and other UN agencies and multilateral development banks, and regional organizations such as the EU.
- 3) Sub-state governments, cities and municipalities  
Session three will address issues of sub-state governance, in particular how cities, regional governments, and municipalities contribute to climate action, for example through sustainable urban mobility and city planning.
- 4) Courts  
This session will focus on climate litigation, including how courts can hold governments and companies accountable for their (in)actions on the basis of human rights law. The session will discuss the types of climate obligations that courts distilled from human rights and other bodies of law, the reception of climate-friendly judgments by states and other stakeholders, as well as obstacles and prospects in climate litigation in years to come.
- 5) Civil Society, universities and epistemic communities  
Session five will cover how civil society can enhance climate action, *inter alia* by giving voice to marginalized groups and providing a shared space to bridge the gap between citizens and national institutions. The session will also address how universities and epistemic communities are fostering climate action through, *inter alia*, knowledge sharing and capacity development.
- 6) Shipping  
This session will be devoted to shipping, highlighting the contribution of international shipping to global climate change and opportunities for regulating the sector. The increasing awareness amongst stakeholders that action must be taken to decarbonize the sector has led to a number of development driven by the industry. Initiatives such as the green shipping corridors planned by the Clydebank declaration, the Just Transition Maritime Task Force and the Poseidon Principles are examples of these developments. The session will consider both bottom up and top down modes of regulation, taking account of recent developments in the field.

This interdisciplinary conference is **open to scholars from law and other social sciences with a research interest in climate change governance**. The conference will include papers presented by invited participants as well as authors selected in the course of this call for papers. **Professors Daniel Bodansky and Daniel C. Esty are scheduled to provide keynote addresses.**

## Submission of Proposals

---

Proposals for paper presentations should deal with specific questions related to the overall theme of the conference.

Selected conference papers will be published in a Special Issue (journal TBD). All papers must conform to the journal content scope and form, and will be processed through the journal's standard peer review procedures. Further, presentations and short think pieces will be published at the TRAMEREN's conference website ([www.trameren.dk](http://www.trameren.dk)).

Proposals should be submitted by the **26<sup>th</sup> of April 2022** to: [beatriz.martinez.romera@jur.ku.dk](mailto:beatriz.martinez.romera@jur.ku.dk), and include:

1. An abstract (max. 500-word) with a title, the author(s)'s name(s) and affiliation(s)
2. A biographical note / CV
3. Contact information
4. Please indicate what session of the conference your paper addresses
5. Please indicate if you are interested in contributing a full paper to the special issue

Authors will be informed of the final decision by the **1st of May 2022**. The choice of proposals will seek to ensure a balanced representation of the various aspects of the conference theme.

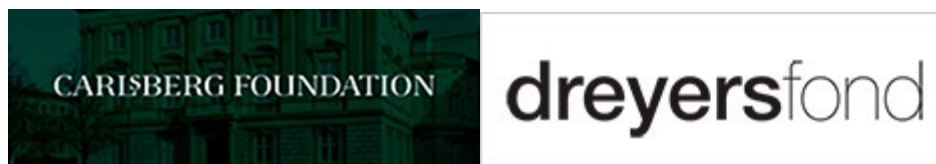
## Financing

---

There is no registration fee for the conference. Meals, coffee, and refreshments will be provided for participants during the conference. Presenters and discussants will also be invited to the conference dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

Travel costs and accommodation in Copenhagen could be covered for speakers upon request and depending on the availability of funds. Please indicate if you need financial support when submitting your paper proposal.

The conference is supported by the **Carlsberg Foundation** and **DreyersFond**.



## Contact

---

**Beatriz Martinez Romera ([beatriz.martinez.romera@jur.ku.dk](mailto:beatriz.martinez.romera@jur.ku.dk))**

Associate Professor of Environmental and Climate Change Law  
Centre for International Law and Governance (CILG)  
Faculty of Law - University of Copenhagen  
Karen Blixens Plads 16  
DK-2300 Copenhagen S.

MOB +45 29700410

<https://jura.ku.dk/trameren/>