



Summer Conference 2023

'Transitioning to Net Zero'

at King's College London

Call for Abstracts

Climate change and environmental degradation are two of the most pressing and complex global challenges of our time. To meet the Paris commitment of keeping global warming to no more than 1.5°C, emissions need to be reduced by 45% by 2030 and reach net zero by 2050. In addition, the sources and effects of the climate emergency interact with other global crises such as health pandemics and financial market instability, as well as imperatives of justice, equality, and sustainable development. Transitioning to a net zero world calls for systemic transformation of built environments as well as political, economic and social architectures which in turn presents a host of legal, regulatory and governance opportunities and challenges.

The summer conference will be a forum to explore and debate the legal and regulatory interventions needed to facilitate and accelerate a timely and just global net zero transition. It will be hosted on 25 July 2023 in the heart of London at King's College London and will include parallel panel sessions chaired by research centres within The Dickson Poon School of Law.

We invite LSGL researchers to submit abstracts for presentations on any of the session themes below. We welcome abstracts that are multi-disciplinary, comparative, doctrinal, conceptual and/or empirical. We encourage submissions by PhD students and Early Career Researchers and aim to have at least one such presenter on each panel.

Submissions:

Deadline for Abstracts: 30 March 2023 at 12:00pm (London time) email to LSGL-Kings@kcl.ac.uk

Please submit a single PDF which includes the following information:

- The panel session to which you are applying
- Title of your presentation and 150-word abstract
- Name, position and university

The host institution will evaluate the submissions and make final selections for the summer conference.

For queries about the summer conference, please contact the host institution at LSGL-Kings@kcl.ac.uk.



Session themes

New Actors for Net Zero: Companies, Citizens, Courts

Led by the Centre for Climate Law and Governance

- Sustainable finance and business
- Energy transitions - actors and interests
- Regulating new technologies for net zero

Transnational Activism for Net Zero

Led by the Transnational Law Institute

- Global South perspectives
- Meanings of 'climate justice' and/or a 'just' transition
- Non-state actor climate litigation and adjudication

Delivering Net Zero through Procurement Strategies and Construction Contracts

Led by the Centre of Construction Law and Dispute Resolution

- Effective procurement processes and supply chain involvement
- Contractual structures, management and execution
- Client strategy, transition plans and leadership

Philosophical and Social Perspectives on the Net Zero Transition

Led by the Yeoh Tiong Lay Centre for Politics, Philosophy & Law

- Intergenerational justice, transitional justice, intra-generational justice
- Conceptual and theoretical understandings of net zero
- Social implications of the net zero transition

Clinical Legal Education as a Route to Climate Justice

Led by King's Legal Clinic

- Transnational Clinical Legal Education
- The Climate Pledge and the Global Day of Action on Climate Change
- Alternatives to climate litigation

Achieving Net Zero through Climate Litigation

Led by the Centre for International Governance and Dispute Resolution

- State, transnational and international climate litigation
- Stocktaking of climate litigation so far
- Perspectives and limits of strategic litigation for climate change

European Green Deal: Is it a Good Deal?

Led by the Centre of European Law

- Towards a net zero European manufacturing market
- A new design for the EU electricity market
- Funding the EU net zero transition through state aid and EU funds