

**Climate Law and Governance Day 2017**  
**Speakers' and Chairs' Biography Compilation**



**Dr. Alina Averchenkova\*** (Principal Research Fellow, Grantham Research Institute, LSE) has over 14 years of experience in the area of international development and climate change policy. She provides advisory and capacity building services to governments, international organizations and private sector focusing on the solutions to climate change, design of green growth strategies, building public-private partnerships and climate finance. Her main areas of focus are: Design, financing and implementation of national climate change policies and NAMAs, Business risks, solutions and opportunities in relation to climate change, Mobilizing private sector finance for low carbon transition, Intergovernmental negotiations on climate change, Capacity building and trainings on the above issues



**Mr. Alistair Marke (Editor, Transforming Climate Finance & Green Investment with Blockchains)** is a seasoned sustainability policy researcher with publications covering a wide range of policy issues, including food and energy security, climate finance, low-carbon investment planning, emissions trading, and associated green growth issues in Europe, Africa, China, Southeast Asia and Australasia. Seeing the dire need to accelerate global efforts to fill the current climate finance gap, on top of his consultancy work, Alastair has recently founded the International Core Group on Blockchain Climate Finance, composed of nearly 40 experts across the world, to study the potential of blockchain technology to upscale sustainable, environmental and climate finance for developing countries, encompassing energy finance, carbon trading, and new cryptocurrency-based multi-level climate finance transfer mechanisms



**Dr. Amal Lee Amin (Climate Change Division Chief, IDB)** is Chief of the Climate Change Division at the Inter-American Development Bank. This involves assisting countries with implementation of the Paris Agreement; working across the IDB Group to scale-up investment in sustainable infrastructure; addressing climate risks and promoting solutions for increasing resiliency to climate change. She previously lead design and implementation of the Climate Investment Funds from 2008 – 2010. Having worked at the heart of the UK Government developing strategy and policy on climate change and sustainable energy between 2001 – 2011, achievements include design of a new Green Investment Bank; successfully engaging developing countries on the UK's G8 and EU Presidency climate change agenda and leading EU negotiations under the UNFCCC.



**Dr. André LaPerrière (Executive Director, GODAN)** has led numerous large-scale projects on behalf of private corporations and also within the United Nations. He has extensive work experience in Africa, the Americas, Caribbean, Europe and Middle East, in particular in developing countries and in conflict and post-conflict environments. Mr Laperrière has held various senior management positions in the United Nations Common System, including Executive Director in the International Criminal Court, Director of Administration and Finance Division in the World Health Organization and Oil for Food coordinator for UNICEF.



**Mr. Andrés Araya Montezuma** (Vice President, Costa Rica Íntegra) is a political scientist with a Master in Project Management. He is currently the Vice President of Costa Rica Íntegra and former Director of the Carter Center in Venezuela and Coordinator of Electoral Program in IIDH/CAPEL. He is a member of the National Committee on Open Government and CoST



**Dr. Annalisa Savaresi** is Lecturer in Environmental Law at Sterling University. Her work is widely published and cited. She is member of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law and associate editor of the *Review of European, Comparative and International Law*.



**Dr. Atle Solberg (Head of Coordination Unit, Platform on Disaster Displacement)** was the Head of the Nansen Initiative Secretariat, the predecessor of the Platform on Disaster Displacement, from 2012 to 2015. His background is in international humanitarian action and displacement (both in conflict and natural hazard situations). He has worked for the UNHCR and UN OCHA in Switzerland, the Balkans and in Central America, and for the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in the Balkans, Indonesia and Colombia. He has research and teaching experience from the University of Bergen on humanitarian issues and the protection of unaccompanied minors. Atle has undertaken evaluation of humanitarian aid and consulted both with a focus on Norway and on the post-conflict recovery situation in the Balkans and Central America.



**Maître Ayman Cherkaoui** (Lead Counsel, CISDL / Senior Advisor, CoP22 Presidency Morocco) is an International Expert in Climate Change Adaptation/ Capacity Building/ Loss and Damage. Experience in Legal, Engineering, Aviation, Communications, and Management Strategy Consulting. Lead Counsel for Climate Change at Centre for International Sustainable Development Law. Former Special Advisor for Negotiations and Climate Change for COP 22 – Presidency of Kingdom of Morocco.



**Dr. Chitrlekha Massey** (UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Fiji) is the regional representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Pacific. Dr Massey previously worked in Tanzania as Senior Human Rights Adviser and also in Iraq as Deputy Director for the Iraq Wide Human Rights Office of the United Nations Assistance Mission to Iraq.



**Dr. juris Christina Voigt** is professor at the Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo, Norway. She received her legal education in Germany, holds a Master of Laws in Environmental Law (LL.M.-Envir) from the University of Auckland, New Zealand (2002), and received her Doctorate in law from the University of Oslo in 2007. She is currently on the Steering Committee of "The Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order" (Pluricourts) research project, awarded Centre of Excellence Status, where she is project coordinator for the environmental sector. She is Chair of the research group "International Law and Governance" and a founding member of the research group on 'Natural Resources Law' and 'International Relations'.



**Dr. Dr.h.c. Christoph Engel** is a professor and executive director at the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods. Subsequent to his studies in Tübingen and Hamburg, Engel joined the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods in Bonn as well as the Faculty of Law and Economics of Bonn University. Since 2004 Engel is Honorary Professor at the Faculty of Law of Osnabrück University and since 2013 he holds a Chair for Experimental Law and Economics at Erasmus University of Rotterdam. In 2017 Engel received a honorary doctorate from Hebrew University, Jerusalem.



**Mr. Christopher Campbell-Durufilé** - B.C.L. / LL.B. (McGill), LL.M. (Notre Dame), is an Associate Fellow with the CISDL, doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto under the supervision of Professor Jutta Brunnée, and Global Justice Fellow at the Munk School of Global Affairs. His doctoral research focuses on the impacts of the ongoing transformations of the international climate regime. Christopher did his articling at the Quebec Court of Appeal as law clerk to then Chief Justice of Québec J.J. Michel Robert and was admitted to the Province of Quebec Bar in 2010. He is specialised in international human rights law, indigenous peoples' rights, and environmental law, and regularly engages in research projects, publications, and public speaking on these topics.



**Mr. Christopher Schuller (German Institute for Human Rights)** is a Policy Adviser for Business and Human Rights in the International Human Rights Policy department of the Institute. He deals with issues of access to remedy for victims of business-related human rights violations, human rights and agricultural investment, human rights in the internet and telecommunications sectors, extraterritorial state obligations and the human rights impact of German economic policy. He studied Law and German Law at Oxford and is a member of the New York Bar. He also serves as Assistant Editor of the Oxford University Comparative Law Forum. Prior to joining the German Institute for Human Rights, he was Lecturer in English Law at the Humboldt University of Berlin and a consultant lawyer for the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR).



**Dr. Cosmin Corendea (Legal Expert, UN Univ)**, (S.J.D. GGU, LL.M. (hon.) STU) works as Associate Academic Officer/Legal Expert at UNU-EHS. He is acting as focal point for legal issues associated with environmental degradation and adverse effects of climate change, such as institutional vulnerabilities and adaptation, climate equity, climate justice, human rights, forced migration, etc., conducting research on conceptual and comparative frameworks of legal perceptions of environmental vulnerabilities, resilience and sustainable development impacts with distinct and positive reflection in policy making.



**Dr. Dane Ratliff** (Legal Fellow, CISDL) was until recently Director of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Submissions on Enforcement Matters (SEM) Unit, where he processed citizen submissions asserting that a NAAEC party has failed to effectively enforce its environmental law. He spearheaded the CEC's online portal for submissions, and was instrumental in drafting the revised guidelines for the NAAEC Articles 14 & 15 SEM process. Prior to that he was Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague.



**Prof. Daniel Bodansky** is a Senior Sustainability Scholar, Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability, a Foundation Professor of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, and Faculty Co-Director, Center for Law and Global Affairs, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Prof Bodansky serves on the board of editors of the American Journal of International Law, is the U.S.-nominated arbitrator under the Antarctic Environmental Protocol, is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Society of International Law, and is co-author *Climate Change Law* (Oxford University Press, 2017). Awards include an International Affairs Fellowship from the Council of Foreign Relations, a Pew Faculty Fellowship in International Affairs, and a Jean Monnet Fellowship from the European University Institute.



**Daniel Klein** is an international environmental law expert, currently working as Legal Officer at the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC). He worked for seven years in the central unit of the UNFCCC's Executive Direction and Management Programme responsible for coordinating the substantive support to the international negotiations, first, under the Bali Road Map process (2009-2012), and second, on the Paris Agreement (2013-2015).



**Prof. Dr. Daniel Zimmer (Dean, University of Bonn Faculty of Law)** pursued **legal studies from 1979 to 1984** at the Universities of Mainz, Lausanne and Goettingen. He pursued his LL.M. at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He was an academic assistant from 1991 to 1996 in the section of International and foreign Economic Law at the University of Goettingen.



**Dr. Dina Ionesco (Head of Migration, Environment and Climate Change, International Organization for Migration)**, Head of the Migration, Environment and Climate Change Division of IOM, aims to bring climate migrants into the spotlight and to equip migration and climate policymakers with the tools to respond to environmental migration challenges and opportunities. Dina has expanded IOM's environment portfolio, leading the establishment of a dedicated Division and inputs instrumental to the inclusion of migration in the Paris Climate Agreement.



**Prof. Elisabeth Holland** (Director, Pacific Center Enviro & Sustainable Development, Univ South Pacific) is an internationally recognised scientist for her work in the Earth System. In 2007, she was a co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for her contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). She is an author of four of the five IPCC reports and also served as a US, German and now a Fiji representative. Professor Holland is a Leopold scholar and served as a Senior Scientist and Leader of the Biogeosciences Program at the National Centre for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, USA. She is co-leading the University of the South Pacific EU funded Global Climate Change Alliance Project with Dr. Sarah Hemstock and the remarkable team at the PACE-SD.



**Ms. Eliza Northrop (Associate, International Climate Initiative, WRI)** is an Associate in the International Climate Action Initiative. She is an international environmental lawyer with expertise in climate change, indigenous rights and governance. Her work focuses primarily on international climate law and policy issues, in particular the design and implementation of the Paris Agreement. Prior to joining WRI, Eliza acted as a legal advisor to the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Tonga to the UN during the 68th session of the General Assembly. Eliza previously worked as a negotiator and policy advisor for the resolution of native title in Australia, facilitating over nine co-management arrangements and fifteen indigenous land use agreements. She has also served as a member of the Commonwealth Indigenous Protected Areas Subcommittee. Eliza has also practiced in the areas of environmental and property law in Australia.



**Mr. Fabian Pause** has been a senior researcher and Head of Department for European and International Environmental Energy Law and Comparative Law at Stiftung Umweltenergierecht since 2011. In his research, he focuses on European Environmental Energy Law and Comparative Law aspects that are related to national support schemes for renewable energies. Among others, he is currently leading the research project “EU-ArchE” which examines the new EU legal framework (“architecture”) in the energy sector for the period 2020 to 2030. He is also the leader of the project “BestRES – Best practices and implementation of innovative business models for Renewable Energies aggregatorS”. Since 2014, he has been a member of the Steering Committee of the European Technology and Innovation Platform for Photovoltaics.



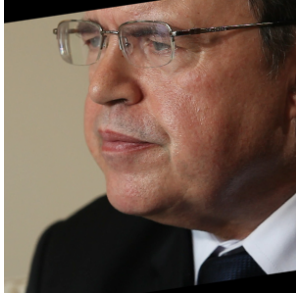
**Mr. Francois Martel (Secretary General, Pacific Islands Development Forum)** a Samoan national, is the first substantive Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Development Forum. Prior to joining PIDF, Mr. Martel was a Climate Change Advisor for the Government of Tokelau, and for various GEF-UNDP projects on climate change adaptation and sustainable land use management in Samoa. In addition, Mr. Martel is the Cofounder and Director of Polynesian Xplorer Ltd, a Tourism company based in Samoa established 20 years ago. He is no stranger to Fiji, having completed his Master's research on community forestry in support of the Fiji Pine Commission more than 30 years ago. Mr. Martel was part of the Fiji delegation to the COP21 in Paris and supported the voices of Pacific Islands and territories during these historic negotiations.



**Mr. Franz-Birger Marré** (Head of Division for Water, Urban Development and Mobility at German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development), born 1956 in Bogotá, Colombia, joined the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in 1989 after having studied Law in Bonn. Since 2014 he is head of the division responsible for Water, Urban Development and Transport, which also includes Waste Management and cross-sectoral issues (the “Nexus”). Hitherto, he headed the BMZ Infrastructure Division. Prior positions in the BMZ included the Southeast Asia section (inter alia, coordination of the German Post-Tsunami reconstruction assistance in the Indian Ocean), the Organisation division, the Latin America desk (desk officer for Peru, Ecuador and Colombia) and private sector cooperation.



**Mr. Freedom-Kai Phillips (Researcher, CIGI)** joined CIGI's International Law Research Program (ILRP) as a research associate in 2016. At CIGI, his research interests include international environmental law, with a focus on sustainable development. Freedom-Kai provides legal research in support of the ILRP's international environmental law stream, examining law and governance innovations and tools for implementing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Specifically, Freedom-Kai is assessing law and governance innovations for realizing the SDGs, including but not limited to water, access to justice and biodiversity. Freedom-Kai is a legal research fellow with the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law, and the manager of the CISDL International Secretariat. Prior to that, Freedom-Kai served as interim executive director of the Centre for Law, Technology and Society at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law



**Dr. Gerd Droecke** - has more than 32 years of experience in working for international organizations and held senior positions in the Green Climate Fund (GCF), Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Mr. Droecke joined the Asian Development Bank in 1995 after having served for 12 years in the FAO (his last position was that of legal advisor to the Director of Personnel of FAO). In ADB, Mr. Droecke held the positions of Head: Special Practice Group: Institutional and Administrative, Office of the General Counsel; Legal Adviser of the Asian Development Bank Institute in Tokyo; and, at Director level, the position of Lead Specialist, Institution and Coordination in the Office of The Secretary of ADB. Mr. Droecke is the author of the book *Funds for Development: Multilateral Channels of Concessional Financing*, which was launched in 2011 at the Centre of International Law of the National University of Singapore and has contributed to several other publications.



**Ms. Hafida Lahiouel (Director of Legal Affairs, UNFCCC Secretariat)** provides legal advice and support on matters relating to the implementation of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol, the agreed outcomes under the Bali Road Map and the Doha Climate Gateway, as well as the further development of the Climate Change regime and the operations of the secretariat and the UNFCCC process. Legal Affairs also provides substantive and logistical support to the Compliance Committee of the Kyoto Protocol.



**Maître Hafijul Islam Khan (Executive Director, Centre for Climate Justice - Bangladesh CJC-B);** is an environmental lawyer who has worked for the last 15 years on legal and policy issues related to the environment, natural resource management and climate change. Mr. Khan is a climate negotiator and has been working as a Core Team Member of LDCs negotiators group on Loss and Damage since 2011. He is leading the Centre for Climate Justice-Bangladesh (CCJ-B) as Executive Director. He is also working with International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) with its loss and damage team. He is teaching Environmental Law at North South University and Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) as adjunct faculty.

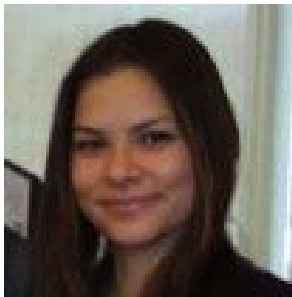


**Mr. James Cameron** (Chairman, Overseas Development Institute)\* is the chairman and co-founder of Climate Change Capital, is a lawyer by training and has spent much of his legal career working on climate change matters, including negotiating the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol as an adviser to the Alliance of Small Island States. James is a member of the WEF's Agenda Council on Climate Change and a Trustee Member of the UK Green Building Council and the Carbon Disclosure Project, a member of the Prime Minister's Business Advisory Group and of the Green Investment Bank Commission. He has held academic appointments at Cambridge, London and Sydney and is currently affiliated with the Yale Centre for Environmental Law and Policy.





**Dr. Jan-Willem van de Ven** joined the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in August 2003. He is currently Head of the Carbon Market Development. The role includes carbon fund management, carbon asset development, technical assistance, policy dialogue and capacity building. Jan-Willem has over twenty years of experience in the development of sustainable energy projects from Central America to Eastern Europe. Jan-Willem leads on the development and implementation of various carbon market mechanisms (incl. Joint Implementation, Clean Development Mechanism, Green Investment Scheme and Verified Emission Reduction operations) across the EBRD countries of operation. Prior to EBRD he worked as Innovation Manager with Dutch utility company Essent.



**Ms. Jennifer Huang (International Fellow, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions)** is an International Fellow at the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES). Ms. Huang tracks and researches international climate policy, focusing on key issues in the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations, and helps facilitate dialogue among international policymakers and stakeholders. Prior to joining C2ES, Ms. Huang worked as a Law Clerk at the White House Council on Environmental Quality and as a Legal Intern in the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) Implementation Strategy Unit at the UNFCCC secretariat in Bonn, Germany.



Ms. Jenny Jiva's (Researcher, Univ South Pacific) research concerns the loss and damage impacts related to climate change, as an issue, which can include the loss of livelihood, territory and property. Jiva's research focuses on the Pacific's role in getting loss and damage issues on the negotiating table, and successfully into the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) outcomes and documents. In 2015, the 23-year-old was selected as a country delegate to represent Fiji at the COP21 climate change conference in Paris, a global meeting where world leaders reached a legally binding agreement to address climate change.



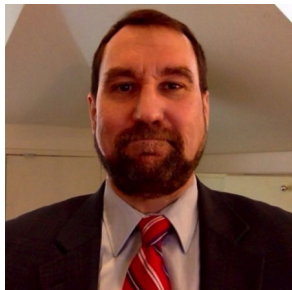
**Dr. Jesper Lindholm** is an Associate Professor of Public International Law, Human Rights and Asylum in the Department of Law at Aalborg University, Denmark. He is also a former member of Danish Refugee Appeals Board, a vice-chair of the Board of the Danish Institute for Human Rights. He was also formerly involved in the UNHCR and Amnesty International.



**Dr. Julie Maupin (Senior Researcher, CIGI & Max Planck Institute)** was appointed Senior Researcher at the Max-Planck-Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in July of 2014. Prior to joining Max-Planck, Maupin held a lectureship at Duke University School of Law in the United States, where she taught courses on international investment law, international commercial arbitration, and drafting pleadings in international disputes. Since turning her attention to blockchain, Maupin has become a sought-after expert in questions concerning the interface of cryptocurrencies, smart contracts, and other distributed ledger technologies with international governance regimes. In January 2016, she received a senior fellowship from the Centre for International Governance Innovation to support her research into the global opportunities and risks presented by these nascent decentralized technologies.



**Prof. Jutta Brunnée (University of Toronto)** is Professor of Law and Metcalf Chair in Environmental Law, University of Toronto. Her teaching and research interests are in the areas of Public International Law and International Environmental Law. Professor Brunnée is co-author of a number of publications on climate change and international law, including *International Climate Change Law* (Oxford University Press, 2017), and of *Legitimacy and Legality in International Law: An Interactional Account* (CUP, 2010), which was awarded the American Society of International Law's 2011 Certificate of Merit for preeminent contribution to creative scholarship. She was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2013, and Associate Member of the *Institut de Droit International* in 2017. She will deliver a course at The Hague Academy of International Law in 2019.



**Dr. Karl Schultz (The Higher Ground Foundation)**, has worked on environment and development issues since 1991, including for the Peace Corps in West Africa and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's climate protection division, where he managed the agency's international and domestic coal and climate programs. Over the past decade he has focussed on climate, markets, and policy issues and founded energy and environment consultancies Climate Mitigation Works and Energy Edge. He also co-founded the clean energy venture Green Gas, and now focuses primarily on climate finance and adaptation economics. He is the creator of The Higher Ground Foundation's vulnerability reduction market concept.



**Ms. Kate Donnelly (Legal Researcher, University of the Pacific)** is an intern in the The GIZ 'Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Island Region' Programme, which aims to strengthen the capacities of regional organisations in the Pacific Islands region and its member states to adapt to climate change and mitigate its causes. She previously interned in The Tuvalu Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (TANGO) is the umbrella organisation for civil society organisations in Tuvalu.



**Prof. Lavanya Rajamani (Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi)** is professor at CPR, where she researches legal issues relating to the environment (in particular climate change), international law, and human rights. She has authored or edited several books on international environmental law, is a frequent contributor to periodicals and academic journals, and has written reports and working papers for organisations including the International Law Association, the World Bank, and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). She also serves on the editorial board of several international academic journals. Lavanya has taught at Queens' College, Cambridge, where she was a Fellow and Director of Studies in Law, and at Worcester College, Oxford, where she was a Junior Research Fellow in Public International Law.



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**Professor Martin Lemberg-Pedersen** is Assistant professor, Global Refugee Studies, Aalborg University, specializes in analyses of European border and displacement politics, from externalized control in North Africa, over boat migration from Libya and Turkey, to trajectories in labour and resource politics since the transatlantic slave trade.



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**Dr. DDr.h.c. Matthias Herdegen** is a professor and director of the Institute for Public International Law and the Institute for Public Law of Bonn University. He studied at the Universities of Heidelberg and Cambridge. After having received a licence to teach in German and Foreign Public Law, Public International Law and European Law, Herdegen took up a professorship at Bonn University. Subsequently, he became fellow at several international institutions and received honorary doctorates from University Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Senora del Rosario in Bogotá, University of Gran Colombia, and Pontifical Javeriana University. Herdegen advises legislative and executive bodies in Germany and other countries on questions of Constitutional Law, International Law, and EU law.



**Professor Meinhard Doelle** is Professor of Law, and Associate Dean, Research, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University. Professor Doelle specializes in environmental and energy law, with a focus on climate change and environmental assessment processes. Professor Doelle has written on a variety of environmental law topics, including climate change, energy law, invasive species, environmental assessments, and public participation in environmental decision-making.



**Ms. Melina Riemer** is a law student at University of Münster with a specialization in international law and internal at the International Service for Human Rights in Geneva and the German Ministry for Education and Research.



**Prof. Michael Mehling (MIT / Editor, CCLR)** is Deputy Director of the [Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research \(CEEPR\)](#) at the [Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\)](#), a research scientist with the [MIT Energy Initiative \(MITEi\)](#), and a Visiting Professor at the [University of Strathclyde](#). He brings over a decade of experience working on energy and environmental policy with government agencies, private companies and civil society organizations in North America, Europe, and the developing world. His recent work has focused on carbon pricing and other policies to address environmental impacts of the energy system. In recent years, research interests have included the energy and climate policy of the European Union as well as the effects of the German energy transition, or “Energiewende.”



Nelly is the executive editor of European law journals on competition, data protection and climate law at the Berlin/Brussels legal publisher Lexxion and has prior background in EU affairs, trade and sustainability consulting. Parallel to her work, she is starting a PhD in international economic and trade law with a focus on the ASEAN Economic Community. Nelly worked in Kuala Lumpur for three years in project management at the EU-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a consultancy firm. She has an LL.M in European Law and BA in European Studies, both from Maastricht University. She speaks English, Bulgarian, German and some basic Bahasa Melayu.



**Dr. Omar M.I. Al Khataibeh** (Principal, Centre Al-Khataibeh Jordan) is the founder of the Al Khataibeh Center for Arbitration & Law and Legal Training and an advocate. He holds a PhD in constitutional law from the University of Jordan.



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