

WORLD COURT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Toward an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the legal responsibility to ensure a stable climate for future generations

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WEBINAR 2:

WHAT QUESTION TO ASK? WHAT SOURCES OF LAW TO USE?

This event will consider the question to be asked of the ICJ. The question must be able to achieve majority support in the UN General Assembly in order to get the case to the Court. It needs to be a question that the ICJ could answer positively with an outcome that would have significant impact on current policies practices. The sources of law to draw upon include international agreements, customary international law, general principles of law, judicial decisions including in domestic courts, and academic writings. This webinar will discuss all of the above.*

Session Americas/Europe/Africa/Middle East
Tuesday 24 August 2021, 8am Pacific Time USA /
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PROGRAM:

CHAIR:

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WELCOME:

Prof Emilie Gaillard (France). Director, Normandy Chair for Peace. Associate Professor, Sciences Po Renne. Expert in law protecting future generations;

SPEAKERS:

Maria Fernanda Espinosa (Ecuador). Member, World Future Council. President of the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly (2018-2019). Former Ecuador Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Heritage;

Monica Feria-Tinta (Peru/UK). Barrister, Twenty Essex Law firm. Expert in environmental law and international courts. UK Barrister of the Year Finalist 2020;

Professor Michael B. Gerrard (USA). Founder and Faculty Director, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School.

Expert in environmental law and climate litigation; Daniil Ukhorskiy (France/UK). Student, University of Oxford. Member, World's Youth For Climate Justice. Co- editor of Human Rights in the face of the climate crisis (see below).

***Recommended background reading:** [Human rights in the face of the climate crisis: a youth-led initiative to bring climate justice to the International Court of Justice, July 2021, World's Youth for Climate Justice](#)

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