



YOUNG SUSTAINABILITY LAW

JNR 2026

From Frameworks to Functioning Law

Bridging the Creation, Implementation, and Enforcement of Sustainability Law

2 to 3 July 2026 in Istanbul (Türkiye)

- *Conference Programme* -

Team of the 5th Young Sustainability Law Conference

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Thursday, 2 July

Wednesday
1 July | 19:00

Evening Mixer
Location TBA

Thursday
2 July | 9:00

Welcome Address
Tilbe Göksun (Koç Üniversitesi, Türkiye)

9:15

**Keynote Speech – Sustainability beyond Aspiration:
Can Private International Law Unlock the Way Forward?**
Verónica Ruiz Abou-Nigm (University of Edinburgh, Scotland)
Moderation: *Biset Sena Güneş (MPIpriv Hamburg, Germany)*

10:00

Coffee Break

10:30

Session I – Are We Failing Sustainability?
Chair: *Lara Schmidt (MPIpriv Hamburg, Germany)*

Why Sustainability Law Fails?
Hans Flemming Maltzahn (University of Mannheim, Germany)

**Beyond Ambition:
Why Climate Law Succeeds—or Fails—at the Point of Implementation?**
Arianne Joy Fabregas (Arellano University, Philippines)

Whose Time Counts?
Anthropocentric Temporality and the Limits of Intergenerational Justice
Elif Naz Němec (Institute of State and Law of the CAS, Czechia)

12:00

Lunch Break

13:00

**Keynote Speech – Meeting The Needs of The Present Without
Compromising The Ability of Future Generations to Meet Their Own Needs**
Christina Voigt (University of Oslo, Norway)
Moderation: *Verena Kahl (University of Hamburg, Germany)*

Welcome to JNR 2026!

Thursday, 2 July

13:45

Session II – Corporations as Sustainability Vehicles

Chair: *Cem Vezirođlu (Koç Üniversitesi, Türkiye)*

Social Enterprise in Corporate Form:

Organisational Flexibility and Social Sustainability in Comparative Perspective

Francesco Perreca (University of Naples Federico II, Italy)

Sustainability Governance under Institutional Constraint:

Corporate Law and Financial Channels in Colombia and Mexico

Christian Díaz-Ordóñez (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom)

Corporate Climate Litigation through Derivative Lawsuits:

Potential and Constraints

Abdurrahman Kayıklık (Bilkent University, Türkiye)

15:15

Coffee Break

15:45

Session III – Legal Teeth behind Sustainability Promises

Chair: *Biset Sena Güneş (MPIpriv Hamburg, Germany)*

Between Aspiration and Obligation:

The Legal Enforceability of Unilateral Corporate Sustainability Commitments

Pınar Başak Coşkun (Bilkent University, Türkiye / Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, Germany)

From Disclosure to Duty:

Bridging Due Diligence and Tort Liability in Transnational ESG Litigation

Theshaya Naidoo (University of Kwazulu Natal, South Africa)

Private Enforcement Against Greenwashing:

Are Existing EU Consumer Law Remedies Fit for the Green Transition?

Riccardo Serafin (Institute for European Tort Law, Austria)

A Comparative Analysis of Criminal Liability for Greenwashing under Unfair Competition Law

Ezgi Çırak Karalı (Izmir Democracy University, Türkiye)

19:00

Speakers' Dinner

Friday, 3 July

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Panel Discussion: Sustainability Law and Policies in Action

Moderation: *Behice Pehlivan (Head of Sustainability at Koç Üniversitesi, Türkiye)*

Ebru Bakkaloğlu Tüzecan

(CSR and Sustainability Coordinator at Koç Holding, Türkiye)

Remo Klinger

(Partner at Geulen & Klinger / Eberswalde University, Germany)

Başak Şit İmamoğlu

(Associate Professor at Ankara University, Türkiye)

Emre Keki

(Partner at Pelister Keki Sarac & Co, Türkiye)

10:15

Coffee Break

10:30

Session IV – Steering Economic Action

Chair: *Cem Veziroğlu (Koç Üniversitesi, Türkiye)*

EU Sustainability and Due Diligence Laws and the Governance of Critical Mineral Supply Chains: A South African Analysis from a Global South Perspective

Sharon Muriuki (Lewis and Clark College, United States)

Beyond Green Conditionality: International Financial Institutions, Sustainability Governance, and the Reform of Green Finance Frameworks in Sub-Saharan Africa

Sebastian Krafzik (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

When the Goods Look Fine but the Supply Chain Does Not:

Classifying Sustainability Obligations of the Upstream Supplier under the CISG

Xia Li (University of Basel, Switzerland)

12:00

Lunch Break

13:00

Keynote Speech – Sustainability in the New Global Trade: Platforms, Networks and the Economy of AI Agents

Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell (European Law Institute, Austria / Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain)

Moderation: *Gökçe Kurtulan-Güner (Koç Üniversitesi, Türkiye)*

Thank You for Joining Us.

Friday, 3 July

13:45

Session V – Shaking-Up Assumptions: the Community Perspective

Chair: *Vincent Hoppmann (MPIpriv Hamburg, Germany)*

Temporalities of (In-)Justice: Using Rights of Nature to Address Historical Grievances and Advance Inter-Generational Equity

Iona McEntee (University of Edinburgh, Scotland)

**Indigenous Lands in Transatlantic Carbon Markets:
Brazilian Environmental Law and the EU-Mercosur Agreement**

Lucas Bertolo (University of São Paulo, Brazil)

Beyond Compliance Theatre:

Community-Led Monitoring and the Limits of Sustainability Law in Kenya

Polycarp Moturi (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

15:15

Coffee Break

15:30

Session VI – The Courts Helping the Environment

Chair: *Gökçe Kurtulan-Güner (Koç Üniversitesi, Türkiye)*

Fear, Faith, and Formalism:

Why Climate Adaptation Litigation Fails to Emerge in Bangladesh?

Hossain Mohammad Reza (University of Melbourne, Australia)

Towards an Ecocentric Epistemology:

A Jurisprudential Reassessment of Indian Environmental Law

Shrishti Kedia and Nyamat Sekhon (National Law University Delhi, India)

Beyond Aspirational Environmentalism: Environmental Norms as an Interpretive Matrix for Contract Law – Lessons from the French Dieselgate Ruling

Maxime Cormier (University Paris-Panthéon-Assas, France)



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17:00

Coffee Break

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Session VII – Climate Stories: Law, Money, and Litigation

Chair: *Verena Kahl (University of Hamburg, Germany)*

Climate Law Enforcement:

A Long Pathway from Soft Law to Legally Binding Obligations

Valéria Emília de Aquino (Federal University of Uberlândia, Brazil)

The Paris Agreement: A Normative Transformation of Financial Law

Nathan de Arriba-Sellier (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands)

Litigating for the Planet: Jurisdictional Barriers and the Potential of International Climate Litigation in Achieving SDG 13

Ömer Faruk Bildik (University of Bonn, Germany / University of Melbourne, Australia)

18:45

Concluding Remarks

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