Course 1 – International Climate Governance

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Tackling the climate crisis requires rapid and unprecedented regulatory change at domestic and international levels. This course will use a multidisciplinary approach, covering law and economics, to explore how to bring about this change in an effective and inclusive way.

This course is for anyone interested in the law and economics of climate change & climate justice – policymakers, academics, NGOs, investors and lawyers working on sustainability issues.

We will present the international law framework governing climate change and the low-carbon transition, covering the climate treaties (UNFCCC, Paris) as well as custom, human rights, international trade (WTO), and the law of the sea (UNCLOS). The focus then shifts to the economics of climate action, exploring the different policy options, from a macroeconomic and environmental perspective.

We will then assess these policy options against the international law framework, including carbon pricing (incl. CBAM, carbon markets), subsidies (e.g. US Inflation Reduction Act; EV subsidies), product standards and corporate regulation. Finally, we will review trends in adjudication relating to climate change, including the advisory proceedings on climate change before the ICJ and ITLOS, and domestic litigation.

We are also pleased to host a panel discussion with prominent stakeholders from government, civil society, and business:

- **Damaris Carnal**, a Swiss Federal government official, with experience in trade, environment, human rights, and health.
- **Carolyn Deere**, Executive Director of the Forum on Trade, Environment and the SDGs, which convenes the Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate (and many activities).
- **Yvonne Lenoir**, Head of the Office of the General Counsel, Banque Pictet et Cie. [TBC]
- **Esteban Mezzano**, General Counsel Operations and Sustainability, Société des Produits Nestlé.