

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.