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Webinar Series

Rising Sea Levels: Promoting Climate Justice through International Law

3-17 March 2021
09:00-10.30 (GMT)

24 March 2021
17.00-18.30 (GMT)

Low-lying coastal regions and island nations, are directly susceptible to threats posed by global warming and concomitant rise in sea levels. Many of those nations are small island developing states largely depending on fishing and tourism for their economic survival. Rising sea levels present a unique threat to the territorial integrity of those coastal states, to their coastal communities, their oceanic resources, and, indeed, to their continuous statehood.

In this seminar series, we will be looking at rising sea levels as a global problem and the legal issues arising from it from the lens of international law and climate justice. What can we do in international law to improve things for now and for future generations? Is climate litigation the key? Would an ICJ advisory opinion help to strengthen the Paris Agreement?

This webinar series is convened by [Dr Constantinos Yiallourides](#), Arthur Watts Research Fellow on the Law of the Sea, BIICL

Programme

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- **Webinar 1: Wednesday, 3 March 2021 (09:00-10:30, GMT)**
Rising Sea Levels & International Law: The role of the International Law Commission (ILC)
Chair: **Sir Michael Wood**, Twenty Essex, Member of the ILC
 - **Professor Patrícia Galvão Teles**, Autonomous University of Lisbon, Member of the ILC
 - **Professor Dr Davor Vidas**, The Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Chair of ILC Committee on International Law and Sea-Level Rise
 - **Aylin Yildiz**, World Trade Institute
- **Webinar 2: Thursday, 11 March 2021 (09:00-10:30, GMT)**
Rising Sea Levels: A Matter for the ICJ?
Chair: **Professor Antonios Tzanakopoulos**, University of Oxford
 - **Jule Schnakenberg and Aoife Fleming**, World's Youth for Climate Justice (WYCJ)
 - **Dr Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh**, Leiden University
 - **Alex Shattock**, Landmark Chambers



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- **Webinar 3: Wednesday, 17 March 2021 (09:00-10:30, GMT)**
Rising Sea Levels: Climate Displacement as a Human Right Violation
Chair: Dr Irene Antonopoulos, Royal Holloway, University of London
 - **Scientia Professor Jane McAdam**, University of New South Wales (UNSW)
 - **Emeline Siale Ilolahia**, Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO)
 - **Prof Benoit Mayer**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
 - **Matthew Reed QC and Admas Habteslasie**, Landmark Chambers

- **Webinar 4: Wednesday, 24 March 2021 (17:00-18:30, GMT)**
Rising Sea Levels: Climate Change Litigation before Domestic Courts
Chair: Rt. Hon. Lord Carnwath of Notting Hill, Former Judge of UK Supreme Court; Landmark Chambers
 - **Dr Maria Banda**, Gibson Dunn and University of Toronto
 - **Alex Goodman**, Landmark Chambers
 - **Dr Joana Setzer**, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science

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