



Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation and Human Rights

23 January 2025 | Brunel University London
Eastern Gateway Building (ESGW), Room 111

This one-day seminar will bring together an interdisciplinary group of researchers from across the UK to engage in an information exchange on some of the many challenges, dilemmas and opportunities associated with the interplay between human rights and climate change mitigation and adaptation. The primary purpose of the seminar is to provide a space for scholarly dialogue on pressing rights issues that are increasingly impacting communities as the international community accelerates efforts to stem the climate emergency.

The seminar will be comprised of two separate panels where participants will make brief presentations on a topic generally related to climate change, mitigation, adaptation, and/or rights, followed by a moderated Q&A. Both academics and students are welcome and are encouraged to attend the seminar and there is no registration fee to attend. There will be time allotted to networking during the event, with tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Programme

12:00 - 12:30 – Welcome/Coffee/Tea

12:30– 14:00 Panel #1 – Community Opportunities and Challenges in Climate Mitigation and Adaptation

Chair: Marcus De Matos (Senior Lecturer in Law, Brunel University of London)

- Shona Paterson (Senior Lecturer, Brunel University of London): *Adaptation Wordsoup: What and For Whom*
- Heather Urquhart (Doctoral Researcher, The University of Manchester): *Dualistic Thinking and the Logics of Mastery Rewilding*

- Colin Luoma (Senior Lecturer in Law, Brunel University of London), Replication of Frontier Violence in Global Conservation

14:00 – 14:30 – Coffee/Tea Break

14:30 – 16:00 Panel # 2 – Climate Mitigation, Adaptation, and the Law

Chair: Alexandra Xanthaki (Professor, Brunel University of London)

- Daniel Ogunniyi (Lecturer, Wilberforce Institute and the Law School, University of Hull): *Climate Change, Displacement, and the Modern Slavery Conundrum: Reasserting the Relevance of Human Rights Law in Climate Mitigation and Adaptation*
- Birsha Ohdedar (Senior Lecturer in Environmental and Climate Change Law, SOAS University of London): *Addressing Root Causes: Human Rights and Transformative Climate Adaptation*
- Patricia Hobbs (Senior Lecturer in Public International Law, Brunel University of London): *Beyond Adaptation and Mitigation: Is Ecocide the Best Tool to Adopt in Climate Crisis?*