



**UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD SCHOOL OF LAW  
CONFERENCE  
JUST TRANSITION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

**PRINCIPLES, PRACTICE AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES  
FOR A POST-OIL FUTURE**

**26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

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**Key Dates**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Abstract submission opens

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Conference registration opens

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Abstract submission closes

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Early bird registration closes

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Best paper prize closes

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## Call for Papers and Posters

The University of Bradford School of Law looks forward to welcoming you to Bradford for its conference on Just Transition and Environmental Justice: Principles, Practice and Implementation Strategies for a Post-Oil Future, holding in-person and online.

The term ‘just transition’ has recently evolved from a process that seeks to galvanize a change in energy production and consumption practices to one which alludes to a transition from a fossil-fuel dependent economy or development approach to a low-carbon economy. The just transition discourse takes as its point of departure the recognition that fossil-fuel dependent economies were characterised by environmental injustice, inequalities or uneven distribution of environmental resources. Hence, the need to protect vulnerable communities, workers and dependent economic systems so that the adverse impact of the transition to a low-carbon economy will be reduced.

The conference aims to provide key insights on strategies for the implementation of a just transition for all, towards realising environmental sustainability at international, regional and national levels. Participants will be drawn from diverse sectors, including States, non-state actors and the third sector, and leading experts from various disciplinary backgrounds will deliberate on the principles, practices and implementation strategies for just transition and environmental justice in a post-oil future. The conference will focus in particular on the developing country contexts and will engage with key concerns such as the broader implications of the transition, climate change adaptation and mitigation in a post-oil future, access to justice for vulnerable and affected communities, and effective governance, legal, regulatory and fiscal frameworks encompassing these issues. The conference, therefore, sets out to address the following questions:

- a. What are the implications of a just transition in a post- oil future?
- b. How can just transition address the four-fold challenge of climate change, social inclusion, inequalities and access to environmental justice?
- c. Are current international, regional, and national policies and frameworks effective for implementing and promoting just transition strategies?
- d. What are the implications for rural and urban communities, industries and workers in switching from a fossil-fuel dependent economy to a low-carbon economy?
- e. To what extent are national policies and frameworks adequate for ensuring just transition, and advancing access to justice?
- f. How may critical dialogue between government, communities, and civil society be facilitated to strengthen participatory governance frameworks for effective social inclusion, reduced inequalities and access to environmental justice?

The two main expected outputs from the conference are:

- a. a communique and guidance documents outlining strategies for implementing just transition and advancing access to environmental justice in a post-oil future, addressed to governments and other stakeholders in the oil and gas, energy and climate governance sectors.
- b. an edited peer-reviewed book of more in-depth contributions by the expert presenters on the conference themes that will be an authoritative and comprehensive resource on international, regional and national perspectives on just transition and environmental justice in a post-oil future.

### Conference Sub-Themes

The main sub-themes for the conference include the following:

**Theme I: Just Transition: Concept and Principles**

This theme focuses on the conceptualisation of just transition within a global context and principles which envision a just and equitable process towards a healthy economy.

**Theme II: Natural Resources, Inequalities and Environmental Injustice**

Discussions under this theme will focus on how just transition can result in social inequalities and the need for social and environmental justice actions in the just transition narrative.

**Theme III: Feminist Perspectives on Just Transition, Natural Resources**

This theme explores the gendered impacts of just transition, advocating for policies that not only facilitate just transitions, but ensuring that gender plays a key role in the policy and implementation process in any jurisdiction.

**Theme IV: Governance and Environmental Justice**

This theme examines the interlinkage between global environmental justice concerns and the governance processes at global levels, with a view to determining how these processes affect access to environmental justice in the just transition narrative.

**Theme V: Financing Just Transition**

Discussions will focus on multilateral financing and proposed business strategies/models to facilitate just transition in global economies.

**Theme VI: Education for a Just and Equitable Post-Oil Future**

This theme explores the integration of access to information and education on just transition at global and national levels.

**Theme VII: Stakeholders and Strategies for Just Transition and Environmental Justice**

This theme discusses the role of stakeholders at national levels, in ensuring that a fair and just approach is applied in the transition to a cleaner, sustainable economies.

**Theme VIII: Case Studies on Just Transition and Access to Environmental Justice**

Discussions under this theme will be based on successful just transition case studies in relation to mining and other industries; including industrial transitions which empower workers and communities; and key learnings on how to achieve better outcomes for the future.

We invite papers and posters that address any of the conference sub-themes or other topics that are relevant for the conference theme of “Just Transition and Environmental Justice: Principles, Practice and Implementation Strategies for a Post-Oil Future”. Please submit your abstract by 8 June 2023, using the link provided on the Conference website: <https://www.bradford.ac.uk/law/research/school-of-law-university-of-bradford-conference/>

**Conference Format and Key Dates**

The Conference will take place in Bradford and online.

**Best Paper Prize for PhD Students**

PhD students are invited to submit their papers for consideration for the Best Paper Prize. The paper can be either single authored or co-authored. In the case of a co-authored paper, all the authors must be Doctoral students. The paper should include details of the contributions which each co-author has made to the research process, where applicable.

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