

10th UEF Law School Energy Transitions Conference

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY

08:45-09:45 Registration and morning coffee, Aurora building

09:45-10:00 Conference opening, Professor Seita Vesa – Head of Law School - Room AU100

PLENARY SESSION
Unpacking the Evolution and Future of Energy Law: Insights from Academia and Practice
 Room AU100

- **Welcome words**, Kaisa Huhta
- **Keynotes:**
 - Wouter Vandorpe, Energy Lawyer, Partner at Baker McKenzie, Free scientific collaborator at Institute for Energy and Environmental Law (University of Leuven)
 - Oliver Hailes, Assistant Professor of Law, London School of Economics

12:00-13:00 Lunch. Ravintola Aura, Provided to presenters by the Conference Organisers

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

13:00-14:30	Borrowing doctrines: how other legal fields shape energy law	European perspectives to energy governance 1	Energy investment and conflict
	<i>Chair: Kaisa Huhta Room AU100</i>	<i>Chair: Matti Gurreck Room AU204</i>	<i>Chair: Oliver Hailes Room AU111</i>
	International environmental law principles and domestic energy governance: Conceptual and practical implications for the energy transition Melanie Schneider	Regulating Hydrogen Harbours: A German and French Comparison Governing Hydrogen Hubs in EU Ports Kelsey Pailman	Limitations of WTO Rules for the Promotion of Green Energy Vehicles: Legal and Policy Implications Kateryna Holzer
	Doctrinal Pathways to Disciplinary Autonomy: Lessons Learned from Public Finance Law and the Emergence of Energy Regulation Maria Cacharro Lopez	Governing the Energy Transition in Real Time: Constitutional Conflicts and the Evolving Framework for Suitable Renewable Energy Areas in Italy Emanuela Rassu	Investor-State disputes in the energy and mining sectors: what role for the public interest? Natasa Rajkovic

	Energy Transition and Law of the Sea Irina Freiman	Regulation and Permitting of Renewable Energy Projects in the European Union and Finland: Spotlight on Biogas Veera Rosendahl	Conflicts and conflict resolution in the energy sector Mattias Goldmann and Sara Sekund
	Fiscal Sovereignty in the Energy Transition: The EU's Role in Shaping Sustainable Taxation Sotiris Zakynthinos	From barrier to enabler? How the Swedish legal system evolved alongside the steel policy mix to support the operationalization of the HYBRIT project Tara Olsen	Fast-track legal frameworks for renewable energy investments as time allocation instruments Markus Sairanen
	The IMO Net-Zero Framework and the Energy Transition of International Shipping Goran Dominioni	Delegated Acts in EU Energy Law: Normative Character, Limits, and Judicial Review Martin Svec	

14:30-15:00 Afternoon coffee. Provided for presenters by the Conference Organisers

15:00-16:30	Energy justice, rights, and marginalised voices <i>Chair: Lea di Salvatore Room AU111</i>	Electricity and power <i>Chair: Kim Fyhr Room AU100</i>	Governing gases <i>Chair: Jaqueline Pinto Room AU204</i>
	Vicarious energy rights: how re-intermediation could support local energy transitions Simon Vanhove	Thinking infrastructurally about energy law: insights from electricity network tariff regulation Marie Beudels	Adaptive Regulatory Approaches to Explore in and for the Hydrogen Energy Transition Dana de Leeuw
	The Epistemology of Energy Law: Challenging Western Legal Rationality with Indigenous Knowledge Systems in the Peruvian Andes and the Arctic Circle Olalekan Bello	Constitutionalising the Grid: The Governance of Cross-Border Electricity Flows in the European Union Mathias Perl	Designing the EU Hydrogen Market: Opportunities, Challenges and Next Steps Elena Petkovska

	Mapping Energy Sovereignty: Corporate Energy Power, Indigenous Land Rights and International Energy Law in India Koumudi Balla	'Creative Destruction' in the Global Majority: How Single-Buyer Power Markets Shape Coal Plant Closure Arjuna Dibley	Law and Governance of Green Hydrogen: Towards Sustainable and Accountable Low-Carbon Infrastructure Oumayma Nejjar
	Energy governance beyond anthropocentrism: Integrating rights of Nature into the energy transition Aparecida de Sousa Damasceno	Policy Recommendations for the Reform of Türkiye's Capacity Remuneration Mechanism: A Comparative Analysis Taner Şahin	Bankable SAF and e-SAF facilities – pros and cons of regulation (focus on biogas) Laura Huomo
	Fragmentation, Fairness, and Functional Coherence: Re-evaluating Critical Mineral Governance through the Lens of Energy Justice Rasmika Ghosh	Governance of Multi-Vendor Multi-Terminal HVDC Grid in the North Sea Donia Ayari	From Energy Transition to Energy Dominance: Hydrogen amidst U.S. Federal Energy Policy Reversal Jaqueline Pinto and Emily Beagle

16:30-18:30 Drinks & Group photo

18:30-21:30 Conference Dinner. *Aura Ravintola*, Provided by the Conference Organisers to presenters, including all speakers and chairs who have confirmed their attendance through our registration form by January 15th 2026.

FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY

9:30-10:00 Morning coffee, Aurora building

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

10:00-12:00	Theoretical approaches to energy law: a roundtable discussion <i>Chair: Lea Di Salvatore</i> <i>Room AU100</i>	European perspectives to energy governance 2 <i>Chair: Martin Svec</i> <i>Room AU112</i>	Governing carbon <i>Chair: Tade Oyewunmi</i> <i>Room AU206</i>
	Opening thoughts: What is energy law? Lea di Salvatore	Legal and Regulatory Challenges for Offshore Transnational Renewable Energy Hubs in the UK and Ireland Amber Dagnall	How Will the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism Affect the Decarbonisation of Turkish Carbon-Intensive Sectors? Halil Çeçen
	The New Global Law of Energy: From Codes to Principles Tedd Mose	Energy communities – Czech Experience Lucie Voseckova	Legal Risks of Multi-Source CO ₂ Cargoes: Blending, Attribution, and Liability Anil Öztürk
	Where do principles come from? The principles of sustainability, solidarity and sovereignty in EU energy law Kenny Ng	Norwegian North Sea Fields Case and the Transition to Renewables Alexandru Gociu	Carbon Capture Risks and Contractual Approaches to Energy Decarbonisation in the US and Europe Tade Oyewunmi
	Where do principles come from? The Evolution of Energy Efficiency in EU law and the Emergence of the Energy Efficiency First Principle Emma Merikanto	Transposition of the Energy Efficiency Directive with regard to Energy Performance Contracting – what next? Rafał Cieślak	

	How do principles influence the legal system? Path Dependence in EU Energy Law Marina Dutra Trindade	Operationalizing the Circular Economy: Regulatory foundations of Asturias H2 Valley Álvaro Martín Morán	
12:00-13:00 Lunch			
13:00-14:30	African perspectives to energy governance <i>Chair: Jaqueline Pinto</i> <i>Room AU100</i>	Data and digitalisation in the energy sector <i>Chair: Wouter Vandorpe</i> <i>Room AU112</i>	Nuclear energy law <i>Chair: Jakub Handrlica</i> <i>Room AU206</i>
	Petroleum Resources Governance in Emerging Markets: Contemporary Issues in Sub-Saharan Africa Ama Opoku Acquah	Digital Governance of the Energy Transition: The Role of Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence Francesco Vetrò and Nicola Brignoli	Legislative Approaches to Regulation of Small Modular Reactors: from Improvised to Tailored Solutions Vladimír Sharp and Gabriela Blahoudková
	Appraising the Legal and Policy Framework on Low-Carbon Energy Technologies in Nigeria Desmond Agwor	AI and Energy Law in the European Union: Navigating Regulatory Frameworks for Carbon-Neutral Futures Through Comparative Analysis with China Abhilash Gajula, Shrenika Mattewada and Rohitha Gangala	Enabling the final disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste: The role of Finnish nuclear law Kim Fyhr
	Contribution of Rural Women to the Energy Transition: Local Practices, Challenges and Innovations in Central Africa Adèle Ntumba	Smart Village Approach and Its Role in the Just Energy Transition: The Case of Aras de los Olmos, Valencia Region Viktoriia Pylaieva	Per nuclear ad astra. Prospective deployment of microreactors in Outer Space and the need for space nuclear law Jakub Handrlica
14:30-14:45	Closing Reflections & Thank you. <i>Kaisa Huhta.</i> Room AU100		
14:45-15:15	Afternoon Coffee. Provided to presenters by the Conference Organisers.		
15:30	Buses leave to Koli		