

# 10<sup>th</sup> 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

<p><b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <b>Unpacking the Evolution and Future of Energy Law: Insights from Academia and Practice</b> 10:00-12.00 <i>Room AU100</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Welcome words, Kaisa Huhta</b></li><li>• <b>Keynotes:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Wouter Vandorpe, Energy Lawyer, Partner at Baker McKenzie, Free scientific collaborator at Institute for Energy and Environmental Law (University of Leuven)</li><li>○ Oliver Hailes, Assistant Professor of Law, London School of Economics</li></ul></li></ul>
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12:00-13.00 **Lunch.** Ravintola Aura, Provided to presenters by the Conference Organisers

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

13:00-14:30	<b>Borrowing doctrines: how other legal fields shape energy law</b>  <i>Chair: Kaisa Huhta Room AU100</i>	<b>European perspectives to energy governance 1</b>  <i>Chair: Matti Gurreck Room AU204</i>	<b>Energy investment and conflict</b>  <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

<p>Energy Transition and Law of the Sea Irina Freiman</p>	<p>Regulation and Permitting of Renewable Energy Projects in the European Union and Finland: Spotlight on Biogas Veera Rosendahl</p>	<p>Conflicts and conflict resolution in the energy sector Mattias Goldmann and Sara Sekund</p>
<p>Fiscal Sovereignty in the Energy Transition: The EU's Role in Shaping Sustainable Taxation Sotiris Zakhynthinos</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Fast-track legal frameworks for renewable energy investments as time allocation instruments Markus Sairanen</p>
<p>The IMO Net-Zero Framework and the Energy Transition of International Shipping Goran Dominion</p>	<p>Delegated Acts in EU Energy Law: Normative Character, Limits, and Judicial Review Martin Svec</p>	

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

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

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 15<sup>th</sup> 2026.

## FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY

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

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

10:00-12:00	<b>Theoretical approaches to energy law: a roundtable discussion</b>	<b>European perspectives to energy governance 2</b>	<b>Governing carbon</b>
	<i>Chair: Lea Di Salvatore Room AU100</i>	<i>Chair: Martin Svec Room AU112</i>	<i>Chair: Tade Oyewunmi 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 <sub>2</sub> 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	

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