

In-Person Conference

# CONCEPTUALISING INTERNATIONAL ENERGY LAW:

## *Shaping the Future Amidst Transition in a VUCA World*

Thursday, 25 September 2025

Four Points by Sheraton, Riverview

382 Havelock Rd, Singapore 169629

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

09:00 – 09:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:30 – 09:40	<b>OPENING AND WELCOME ADDRESS</b>  <i>Denise Cheong</i> – Head, Energy Law and Policy, CIL
09:40 – 10:00	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>  <i>Raphael Heffron</i> – Professor and Dean, College of Law, Abu Dhabi University
10:00 – 10:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
10:30 – 12:00	<b>SESSION I: Global perspectives contributing to the development of International Energy Law</b>  <b>Panel Lead: Elena Cima</b> , Lecturer, University of Geneva  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Five Stories of a Fragmented Discipline: Why Conceptualizing International Energy Law Matters Now</b> <i>Elena Cima</i>, Lecturer, University of Geneva</li><li><b>The Making of International Energy Law</b> <i>Temitope Tunbi Onifade</i>, Lecturer, University of Bristol</li><li><b>Between Energy Security and Trade Liberalization: The Intersection of International Trade Law and International Energy Law in an Era of Insecurity</b> <i>Meng Mandy Fang</i>, Assistant Professor, City University of Hong Kong</li><li><b>The Role of International Human Rights Law in Reinforcing and Shaping International Energy Law</b> <i>Zeynab Malakouti</i>, Visiting Research Fellow, National University of Singapore</li><li><b>Interrelationships between International Energy Law and Global Energy Governance — From the Perspective of Tortious Harms</b> <i>Ranchun Wang</i>, PhD candidate, University of Groningen</li></ol>

	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>
12:00 – 13:30	<b>LUNCH</b> Group Photo
13:30 – 14:45	<b>SESSION II: Regional perspectives contributing to the development of International Energy Law</b>  <b>Panel Lead: Hao Zhang</b> , <i>Assistant Professor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</i>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Regional Pathways in the Evolution of International Energy Law: Norm Creation, Governance Models, and Global Influence</b> <i>Hao Zhang</i>, <i>Assistant Professor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</i></li><li>2. <b>The Transformative Power of Energy Transition in the EU</b> <i>Etienne Durand</i>, <i>Lecturer, University of Essex</i></li><li>3. <b>Realizing the Right to Development in African States through the Lens of Energy Justice as a Theory of International Energy Law</b> <i>Godswill Agbaitoro</i>, <i>Lecturer, University of Essex</i></li><li>4. <b>Reclaiming Agency: Indigenous Energy Sovereignty and the Limits of International Law in Africa and Latin America</b> <i>Olalekan A. Bello</i>, <i>Lecturer, University of Leicester</i></li></ol> <b>Q&amp;A Session</b>
14:45 – 15:15	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
15:15 – 16:45	<b>SESSION III: Conceptualisation of International Energy Law</b>  <b>Panel Lead: Kaisa Huhta</b> , <i>Associate Professor, University of Eastern Finland</i>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Approaches and Imaginaries in the Development of International Energy Law in Legal Scholarship</b> <i>Kaisa Huhta</i>, <i>Associate Professor, University of Eastern Finland</i></li><li>2. <b>Theorizing Energy Law as a Field of Law</b> <i>Seita Vesa</i>, <i>Professor, University of Eastern Finland</i></li><li>3. <b>Reshaping International Energy Law for the Just Transition: Bridging Theory and Practice in a Changing Energy Order</b> <i>Tedd Moya Mose</i>, <i>Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Oxford Martin Programme on Integrating Renewable Energy</i></li><li>4. <b>Conceptualising International Energy Law: Insights from International Environmental Law and its Influence in the Governance of the Energy Sector?</b> <i>Melanie Schneider</i>, <i>DPhil candidate in Law, University of Oxford</i></li></ol>

5. **Systematic Literature Review of International Energy Law**  
*CIL Energy Law & Policy Team*

**Q&A Session**

16:45 – 17:30

**CLOSING SESSION**

**Moderator: Denise Cheong**, *Head, Energy Law and Policy, CIL*

1. **Raphael Heffron** – *Professor and Dean, College of Law, Abu Dhabi University*
2. **Elena Cima**, *Lecturer, University of Geneva*
3. **Hao Zhang**, *Assistant Professor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong*
4. **Kaisa Huhta**, *Associate Professor, University of Eastern Finland*
5. **Mohammad Hazrati**, *Senior Research Fellow, CIL*

**Discussion**

17:30 – 19:30

**RECEPTION**