

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



TARRAGONA
INTERNATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
COLLOQUIUM

Rethinking Sustainable Development in Terms of Justice

The **1st Tarragona International Environmental Law Colloquium** (TIEC) jointly organized by the Tarragona Centre for Environmental Law Studies (**CEDAT-URV**) and the Tarragona Environmental Law Students Association (**AAEDAT**) will be held on **5-6 May 2016** at Rovira i Virgili University, Faculty of Law, in Tarragona, Spain.

The **CEDAT** has gradually become a reference point for environmental law in Spain and Europe. Its objectives are to generate and socialize knowledge in the field of environmental law. In 2014, it hosted the 12th edition of the Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, which gathered researchers and academics from 56 countries across all regions of the world. At present, the **CEDAT** is involved in several national and international research projects.

The **AAEDAT** is an association founded in 2009 by students and ex-students of the LLM in Environmental Law at Rovira i Virgili University. It promotes activities within the university community in order to further environmental and social values and create spaces for debate, reflection and exchange with other universities and research groups.

This inaugural colloquium aims to provide LLM students, postgraduate students and academics in general a forum in which to present and discuss their research and works-in-progress. In addition, this event seeks to create a friendly environment for meeting and interacting with fellow students and colleagues that share an interest for environmental law.

The title of the **1st Tarragona International Environmental Law Colloquium** is '**Rethinking Sustainable Development in terms of Justice**'. Sustainable development is a normative concept that was conceived of as a paradigm for reconciling competing and conflicting interests in economic development, social justice and environmental protection. In legal terms, sustainable development has been portrayed in manifold ways.

Some view it as a normative matrix for re-interpreting existing legal principles and rules and fostering the emergence of new ones, or as a meta-legal principle that exerts interstitial normativity. Others describe it as a decision-making framework for maintaining and achieving human well-being.

Yet, the perception seems to spread in academia and civil society that, as a normative concept, sustainable development may already have seen its best days. Instead, renewed claims for the reparation of historical wrongs and the promotion of procedural fairness and distributive justice in international environmental law are increasingly gaining salience. Is sustainable development still a suitable concept to address these claims? What normative and/or institutional changes are required in different areas of international environmental law and governance to tackle these demands and promote social fairness and environmental sustainability?

The organizing committee welcomes paper and poster proposals that address the overall theme of the colloquium. In so doing, paper and poster proposals may focus on any of the following topics in this non-exhaustive list:

- Climate change and law
- Environmental liability
- Energy law
- Indigenous people and the environment
- Ecological debt
- Economy and the environment
- Human rights and the environment
- Natural resources protection
- Environmental justice, ethics and global governance
- Gender and the environment

Those interested in presenting should submit an abstract of no more than 400 words by **31st January 2016**, indicating whether it is intended for oral or poster presentation. The official language of the TIEC is English. All abstracts and posters must be presented in English.

The authors of abstracts selected for oral presentation will not be expected to submit completed papers.

However, we do encourage interested authors to submit completed papers which will be considered for publication in the **Catalan Environmental Law Journal (Revista Catalana de Dret Ambiental)**. See author guidelines [link].

Important information:

Abstract submission (max. 400 words):
31st January 2016

Acceptance notification:
15th February 2016

Colloquium programme:
21st March 2016

Venue:

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We look forward to welcoming you in Tarragona for this colloquium!

