



## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**Energy Law in the light of the green transition towards net zero emissions**

**14-15 May 2024**

**University of Oslo, Faculty of Law, Norway**

The **Department of Energy and Resources Law** of the **University of Oslo (UiO)**, Norway, in collaboration with the Research Group in Natural Resources Law, is glad to welcome you at the first conference of the **ELAWNET project** on Energy Law in the light of the green transition towards Net zero emissions.

The ELAWNET project looks at the regulatory changes that are necessary to accompany the green transition towards net zero emissions energy systems. It addresses a central topic for the development of the society and for our regulatory models, in relation to regulatory models for electricity markets and implementation of energy transition law and policy.

The conference aims to provide a platform for discussion and knowledge sharing on various legal issues of electricity market design and just energy transition under net zero goals.



The 1<sup>st</sup> ELAWNET conference will take place over one and a half day, starting in the afternoon of **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of May and finishing at the end of the day on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2024**. All meetings will take place at the UiO Faculty of Law, in downtown Oslo.

**Location:** Karl Johans gate 47, 0162 Oslo («Universitetsplassen»)

Day 1: Domus Bibliotheca <https://www.uio.no/english/about/getting-around/areas/city-centre/se03/>

Day 2: “Professorboligen” <https://www.uio.no/english/about/getting-around/areas/city-centre/se04/>

**Attendance:**

Please note that the conference will be accessible for physical attendance only.

**Registration (mandatory):**

Register your attendance using the following online form by **May 7<sup>th</sup>**:

<https://nettskjema.no/a/423902>

**Scientific Conference Committee:**

- Prof. Catherine Banet, Head of the Department for Energy and Resources Law, University of Oslo, Norway (Head of the ELAWNET project and Conference Committee)
- Prof. Joel Eisen, University of Richmond, School of Law, USA
- Prof. Endre Stavang, Department of Private Law, Chair of the Research Group for Natural Resources Law, University of Oslo, Norway

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**DAY 1 – 14 MAY 2024**

13:30-14:00: Registration, tea/coffee

**Session 1: Conference opening and keynote addresses**

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| 14:00-14:20 | Opening session<br>Welcome address by Prof. Geir Stenseth, Dean for Research, UiO Faculty of Law<br>Welcome words by ELAWNET project leader, introduction to the conference topics and organizational matters, Prof. Catherine Banet, University of Oslo |
| 14:20-14:40 | <i>Electricity Markets and the U.S. Clean Energy Transition</i><br>Prof. Joel Eisen, University of Richmond, School of Law, USA  |
| 14:40-15:00 | <i>Nord Pool's perspective on the EUs electricity market reform</i><br>Michela Beltracchi, Senior Advisor, NordPool, Norway  |
| 15:00-15:20 | <i>Energy law in crisis: need for a new approach?</i><br>Anna Butenko, Legal Manager System Operations at ENTSO-E, Brussels, and Senior Research Fellow Energy Law at Vermont Law School, USA  |

15:20-15:30: Short break

**Session 2: Electricity market design: transversal issues and national responses (Part I)**

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| 15:30-17:30 | Session Chair: Prof. Catherine Banet, University of Oslo   |
| 1'          | Introduction by the session chair  |
| 15'         | <i>Mapping the Complexities of Electricity Market Design</i><br>Max Munchmeyer, Research Associate, Florence School of Regulation, European University Institute, Italy  |
| 15'         | <i>REMAking the GB electricity sector? British electricity market reform in light of Net Zero</i><br>Ass. Prof. Il, Silke Goldberg, University of Oslo, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, UK                            |
| 15'         | <i>Energy Market Reform in China in the Context of Carbon Neutrality: Regulation of Network-dependent Energy Industries</i><br>Hao Zhang, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, the Chinese University of Hong Kong |
| 15'         | Discussion   |

**Session 2 (continued): Electricity market design: transversal issues and national responses (Part II)**

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| 1'  | Introduction by the session chair  |
| 15' | <i>Energy Pricing and Price regulation in Greece</i><br>Dr. Athina Moraiti, Scientific Collaborator, European University Cyprus  |
| 15' | <i>Key Conditions for Transitioning to Low-emission Energy in the Czech Republic: The role of capacity mechanisms</i><br>Ass. Prof. Martin Svec, Head of the Energy Law Department at the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University, Czech Republic |



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| 15' | <i>Nigeria's Electricity Act 2023 – Increasing Renewable Energy within a Decentralised Electricity Regulatory Framework</i><br>Ass. Prof. Adebola Adeyemi, Durham Law School, Durham University, UK |
| 15' | Panel discussion  |

17:30-17:50 Coffee/tea break

### Session 3: Access to justice, procedural rights

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| 17:50-19:20 | Chair (TBC)  |
| 1'          | Introduction by the session chair  |
| 15'         | <i>Going negative equitably? Appraising carbon removals in EU's climate law and policy from a justice perspective</i><br>Ass. Prof. Matteo Fermeglia, Amsterdam University, Faculty of Humanities, the Netherlands |
| 15'         | <i>Facilitating Renewable Energy Integration Through Specialised Environmental Courts in China</i><br>Lan Wu, PhD candidate, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law, China                            |
| 15'         | <i>Climate Justice, Just Green Transition, and Environmental Justice</i><br>Ass. Prof. Tauhidur Rahman, University of Arizona, USA   |
| 15'         | <i>Climate Litigation: Insights from application of the duty of care, constitutional provisions and human rights obligations</i><br>Shazia Bilal, Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan (online)               |
| 15'         | <i>Remedying the Fosen Accident: reflections on private law remedies in a wind mill project gone wrong</i><br>Prof. Endre Stavang, University of Oslo  |
| 20'         | Discussion   |

19h30-20:30 – End of day 1 reception



## DAY 2 – 15 MAY 2024

8:30-8:55: welcome tea and coffee

8:55-9:00 Introduction by the session chair

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| 9:00-9:20 | Keynote address<br><i>Sovereignty, Security and Solidarity: some challenges of net-zero initiatives. A new AAG book</i><br>Prof. Íñigo del Guyao, University of Almeria, Spain |
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### Session 4 - Just transition, a rights-based approach (Part I)

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| 9:20-11:10 | Chair: Prof. Catherine Banet, University of Oslo   |
| 1'         | Introduction by the session chair  |
| 15'        | <i>Rethinking the right to property in the European low-carbon energy transition</i><br>Ass. Prof. Kaisa Huhta, University of Eastern Finland (online)   |
| 15'        | <i>Design Principles for Electricity Law and Policy: Transformative Decarbonisation in the South African Context</i><br>Julie Hassman and Lindsay Moses, PhD candidates, University of Cape Town, South Africa |
| 15'        | <i>Energy Transition and Global South: Realizing a human rights-based approach to just and inclusive transition</i><br>Oyenyi Abe, CCLA, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, South Africa                 |
| 15'        | Discussion   |

### Session 4 (continued) - Just transition, a rights-based approach (Part II)

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| 1'  | Introduction by the session chair  |
| 15' | <i>Energy supply and its specialized empowerment of customers with disabilities</i><br>Mugabi Ivan, Assistant lecturer, Kabale university, Uganda                          |
| 15' | <i>The Fosen Case in the Lens of a Just Energy Transition: What can be done from a legal standpoint?</i><br>Gard Lid Aabakken, research fellow, University of Oslo, Norway |
| 15' | Discussion   |

11:10-11:30: Coffee/tea break

### Session 5 - Permitting and Nature considerations - biodiversity losses and energy transition

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| 11:30-12:40 | Session chair: Prof. Endre Stavang, University of Oslo  |
| 1'          | Introduction by the session chair   |
| 15'         | <i>Accelerating Permitting for Renewable Energy Projects: Addressing Sustainability Considerations</i><br>Marina-Elissavet Konstantinidi, Independent Researcher, Belgium |



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| 15' | <i>Licensing renewable energy projects in times of transition. Heading towards nature or biodiversity net gain. Challenging predictability and distributive justice?</i><br>Ass. Prof. Katrine Broch Hauge, University of Oslo, Norway |
| 15' | <i>The expansion of ocean-based renewable energy projects. A quest for balancing climate-economic goals with other stakeholders in the ocean.</i><br>Carlos Cruz Carrillo, PhD Researcher, University of Basel, Switzerland            |
| 15' | <i>Beyond ESG Reporting: Leveraging CSRD and CSDDD with Interlinkages between climate law and energy regulation</i><br>Jamila Mendoza, Executive Chair, Norgesen Global, Norway  |
| 20' | Discussion   |

12:40-13:30 lunch break

### Session 6 - Electricity trading and electricity certificates

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| 13:30-15:00 | Chair: Prof. Joel Eisen, University of Richmond, USA  |
| 1'          | Introduction by the session chair   |
| 15'         | <i>Certified Illusions? Exposing the opportunity cost presented by the 'green' certificate regime in the UK electricity retail market, and using legal participatory action to confront it.</i><br>Ben Hall, PhD Candidate in Climate Change and Energy Law, Durham University<br>Adam Duncan, PhD Candidate in Energy System Resilience Modelling, University College London, UK |
| 15'         | <i>Power purchase agreements in the EU energy landscape: from an obstacle to liberalization to promoting renewables</i><br>Beatrice Bichi Ruspoli Forteguerra, PhD candidate, Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy  |
| 15'         | <i>Power Purchase Agreements under EU law scrutiny</i><br>Prof. Catherine Banet, University of Oslo, Norway   |
| 15'         | <i>China's Low-carbon Energy Transition and Green Certificates</i><br>Ass. Prof. Mandy Meng Fang, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong   |
| 15'         | <i>Urgency of a Presidential Regulation for an Effective Implementation of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to Accelerate Renewable Energy Use for Sustainable Electricity Supply in Indonesia</i><br>Ass. Prof. Dian Parluhutan and Prof. Satya Arinanto, Faculty of Law, University Pelita Harapan, Indonesia   |
| 15'         | Discussion  |

15h00-15:20 Coffee/tea break

### Session 7: Financing, investment, and subsidies

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| 15:20 – 16:40 | Session Chair: Ass. Prof. Sondre Dyrland, University of Oslo  |
| 1'            | Introduction by the session chair   |
| 15'           | <i>An Analysis of the Legal Challenges in Achieving Green Transition in India</i><br>Ass. Professor Pancrasius, Christ University, Bangalore, India |



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| 15' | <i>Interlinkages between international climate law and international investment law in the light of the green transition</i><br>Nataša Rajković, Doctoral researcher, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain |
| 15' | <i>A Global Race for RE Subsidies? The EU Strategy vis-à-vis WTO Law: Compatible and Effective?</i><br>Kristiyan Stoyanov, Teaching Fellow & PhD candidate, Durham Law School, UK                     |
| 15' | <i>Navigating Greece's Energy Transition: Pathways to Net Zero emissions</i><br>Maria-Konstantina Lili-Kokkori, Attorney-at-Law / Energy law researcher, Koutalidis Law Firm, Greece                  |
| 15' | Discussion  |

16:40-17:10: Change of location for the parallel sessions

**17:10-18:30: Session 8 series: 5 parallel sessions**

**Parallel session 8A: Emergency measures and energy security**

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| 17:10-18:10 | Chair: Ass. Prof. II, Silke Goldberg, University of Oslo, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, UK   |
| 1'          | Introduction by the session chair   |
| 20'         | <i>EU Emergency Energy Regulations</i><br>Ludvik Zelinka, PhD candidate, Faculty of Law, Masaryk University, Czech Republic   |
| 20'         | <i>The Energy Transition and Energy Security Nexus: Outlook for the United Kingdom and Libya</i><br>Victor Azubike, Lecturer in Law, University of Huddersfield, UK |
| 15'         | Discussion  |

**Parallel session 8B: Twin transition, digitalisation**

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| 17:10-18:10 | Chair: Ass. Prof. Cato Bjørkli, Department of Psychology, University of Oslo  |
| 1'          | Introduction by the session chair   |
| 20'         | <i>Data for Green. (G2B) Data Sharing and State as a Platform</i><br>Antoine Donne, PhD candidate, Université Paris Dauphine, France  |
| 20'         | <i>Artificial intelligence in the UAE Oil and Gas Sector – Challenges and Opportunities</i><br>Felipe Villasuso Lago, Senior Compliance Officer / PhD part-time candidate, London South Bank University, UAE / UK |
| 15'         | Discussion  |

**Parallel session 8C: Regulatory strategies for the energy transition: focus on the hydrogen economy**

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| 17:10-18:10 | Chair: Prof. Catherine Banet, University of Oslo   |
| 1'          | Introduction by the session chair  |
| 20'         | <i>Dynamic regulatory tools in the EU and US: instruments to foster the hydrogen economy?</i><br>Jaqueline Pinto, Doctoral Researcher, UEF Law School, Finland |



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| 20' | <i>China's Regulatory Strategies for Hydrogen Development: National Regulation Through Local Experimentation</i> (online)<br>Dr. Xiaohan Gong, OIES-Aramco Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy studies, UK |
| 15' | Discussion   |

**Parallel session 8D: Energy transition in oil and gas producing countries**

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| 17:10-18:10 | Session Chair: Ass. Prof. Sondre Dyrland, University of Oslo   |
| 1'          | Introduction by the session chair  |
| 20'         | <i>The Beginning of the End for the Norwegian Paradox? Weak Sustainability vs. Strong Sustainability in the North Sea Fields Case</i><br>Alexandru Gociu, PhD candidate, Trinity College Dublin- School of Law, Ireland  |
| 20'         | <i>Teaching renewable energy law in law faculties in some universities in the Middle East region to contribute to developing the region's legal system, reducing emissions and achieving sustainable development.</i><br>Dr. Omar Al khataibeh, Qatar Hamad Ben Khalifa University |
| 15'         | Discussion   |

**Parallel session 8E: Green shipping and decarbonization regulatory path**

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| 17:10-18:10 | Session Chair: Prof. Erik Røsæg, University of Oslo   |
| 1'          | Introduction by the session chair   |
| 20'         | <i>Developing Global Standards for Decarbonization of Shipping &amp; its implications</i><br>Sindhura Polepalli, Maritime Legal Consultant, Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, India |
| 20'         | <i>The challenges of regulating Autonomous Vessels: The case of collision avoidance</i><br>Ayoub Tailoussane, Doctoral Research Fellow, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo, Norway                    |
| 15'         | Discussion  |

18:10-18:30: Walk back to the plenary room

**18:30-18:50: Official closure by the conference committee**

**18:50-20:00: End of the conference reception**

The conference will be followed by a **one-day PhD school in energy law on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2024.**





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