

# Conference Program: Climate Change and Reparations

April 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Salon François-Chevrette (and Zoom), Faculty of Law, Université de Montréal

## Day 1: Thursday (April, 10<sup>th</sup>)

### 9 – 10 AM | Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Welcome : **Miriam Cohen, Vladyslav Lanovoy, Armando Rocha, Maria Antônia Tigre**, Conference organizers
- Keynote Address: **Lien Vandamme & Joie Chowdhury**, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

### 10 AM – 11:30 AM | Panel 1: Definitional Frameworks & Key Concepts

This panel will explore foundational questions about the nature and scope of reparations for climate change, including key definitions of core principles such as equity, justice, and loss and damage.

- Moderator: **Prof. Miriam Cohen**, Université de Montréal
- Panelists:
  - **Naoyuki Okano**, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies & **Masako Ichihara**, Assistant Professor, Kyoto University – *The Limits and Prospects of International Climate Change Laws for Reparations: Analyses of SIDS's Cases*.
  - **Nusrat Jahan Urmi**, PhD Candidate, Monash Law School – *On Inquiry into Climate Reparations: International Climate Change Negotiations regarding Loss and Damage*
  - **Patricia Turcotte**, Lawyer et LL.M Candidate, Université Laval - *Can International Law Adequately Address the Climate Emergency? Rethinking Reparative and Transformative Justice Frameworks*

### 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Lunch Break

### 12:30 – 2 PM | Panel 2: Issues of Responsibility under International Law

This session will discuss key parameters of reparations in public international law.

- Moderator: **Prof. Vladyslav Lanovoy**, Université Laval
- Panelists:
  - **María de Arcos Tejerizo**, Lawyer, Pérez-Llorca Abogados, S.L.P – *State responsibility and climate-induced harm: the duty of reparation in a world of multiple contributors*
  - **Laura Rodrigues Gonçalves**, Lawyer, Machado Meyer & LL.M. candidate at the Pontifical University of São Paulo – *Whose Future Is It? Challenges in Approaching Youth, Children and Future Generations' Interests under International Law*

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- **Susan Ann Samuel**, PhD Candidate at the School of Politics and International Studies of the University of Leeds – *Climate Reparations—a ‘Mantra’ at ICJ Hearings?: Examining the Future of Loss and Damage in Climate Politics*
- **Marko Gucheski**, Lawyer, LGP Lawyers – *GHG emissions as transboundary pollution factor –The challenge of ICJ in determining the obligations of States through the legal framework regarding GHG emissions in international law in light of the Advisory Opinion Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change*

## 2 – 2:15 PM | Coffee Break

## 2:15 – 3:45 PM | Panel 3: Climate Regime and Human Rights

This panel will examine how international climate frameworks and human rights law intersect to support claims for reparations.

- Moderator : **Éneas Xavier**, PhD candidate at Université de Montréal
- Panelists:
  - **Evelyn Li Wang**, Lecturer, Northumbria Law School, Newcastle – *Trapped in Dilemma: The Role of Human Rights Law in Addressing Climate-related Harms*
  - **Alexandra Tarzikhan**, Legal Advisor on the SWANA region at the American Bar Association Center for Human Rights – *The Role of International Human Rights Law in Climate Reparations*
  - **Yuri Alexander Romaña-Rivas**, PhD Candidate, McGill University, Faculty of Law – *Climate Justice in the Inter-American Human Rights System-Envisioning Race-Consciousness Reparations for Black and Indigenous Communities*
  - **Rachel Killean**, Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney Law School – *Victims’ Rights, Transitional Justice, and Lessons for the Climate Justice Debate*

## 4 PM | Closing of Day 1

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## Day 2: Friday (April 11<sup>th</sup>)

### 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM | Recap and Introductory Remarks

- Overview of Day 1 and Vision for Day 2

### 9:15 – 10:45 AM | Panel 4: Comparative Perspectives and Case Studies

This panel will highlight diverse experiences and approaches to climate litigation and reparations from different jurisdictions.

- Moderator: **Dr. Maria Antônia Tigre**, Director of Global Climate Litigation at the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law.

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- Panelists:

- **Jameela Joy Reyes**, Lawyer, Manila Observatory (GNHRE Member) – *Loss and Damage in the Highlands: Perspectives from indigenous farmers in Atok, Benguet*
- **Alana Malinde S.N. Lancaster**, Lecturer at University of the West Indies, One Ocean Hub & Director of the Caribbean, GNHRE – *Representation, Redress & Reparatory Justice: The Case of the Afro-descendant Peoples of the Caribbean's Small Island Developing States*
- **Vicky Kapogianni**, Lecturer, University of Reading) & **Eric Loefflad**, Lecturer, University of Kent – *From Genocide-Enabled Domination to Climate-Vulnerability to New Horizons of Responsibility: The Question of Reparations in the Case of the Caribbean*
- **Barrett Ristroph**, Lawyer at Ristroph Law – *Balancing Human Rights with Custom in Pacific Island Community Adaptation and Relocation*

### 10:45 – 11 AM | Coffee Break

### 11 AM – 12:30 PM | Panel 5: Looking Ahead – How Courts Can Shape Reparations

This session will focus on the future role of courts in advancing climate reparations and designing innovative remedies for justice.

- Moderator: **Prof. Armando Rocha**, Católica | Lisbon School of Law

- Panelists:

- **Lucas Carlos Lima**, Professor at the Federal University of Minas Gerais – *Climate Reparations and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities in Addressing Climate Justice*
- **Loeva Georges**, Legal Counsel, Wildlife Justice Commission – *Alternative Approaches to Environmental Reparation beyond the State Responsibility Framework*
- **Hazhar Jamali**, Postdoctoral researcher at the Law Faculty of University of Zurich – *The Potential and Limits of Climate Change Remedies at the European Court of Human Rights*
- **Myrto Leivadarou**, PhD Candidate, McGill University, Faculty of Law – *Climate Change Litigation: Between Legal Traditions*

### 12:30 – 1:30 PM | Lunch Break

### 1:30– 3:15 PM | Panel 6: Financing Reparations & Loss & Damage

This session will explore available funding mechanisms for climate justice, including trust funds, climate finance, and resource allocation processes.

- Moderator: **Camille Martini**, PhD candidate, Université Laval and Aix-Marseille Université

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- Panelists:

- **Anna Pedrajas**, PhD candidate, University of Lyon 3 – Repairing the irreparable: addressing non-economic loss and damage in climate reparations
- **Yago Ferreira Freire**, Research Assistant at University of Glasgow & 11 Kings Bench Walk London – *Can the World Bank Deliver Climate Justice? Examining Reparative Goals in Paris Agreement Fund Administration*
- **Francesca Leucci**, Lecturer, Wageningen University – *Climate change? L’addition svp! A comparative law and economics perspective on the calculation of damages*
- **Matthias Petel**, SJD Candidate at Harvard Law School – *Climate reparations beyond aid: legal strategies for the structural reforms of global financial architecture*
- **Adrián Martínez Blanco**, La Ruta del Clima, **Patrick Toussaint**, Climate Research and Policy Analyst, African Futures Lab & **José Daniel Rodríguez Orúe**, World’s Youth for Climate Justice – *Implications of U.S. Climate Superfunds: Strict Liability Regimes and the Future of Global Climate Reparations*

### 3:15 – 3:30 PM | Closing Remarks

- Panelists:

- **Armando Rocha, Miriam Cohen, Vladyslav Lanovoy, Maria Antônia Tigre, Camille Martini, Éneas Xavier**

### 3:30 PM | Conference Concludes

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