

Corporate Accountability and Liability Mechanisms for Climate Change: Developments and Comparative Models

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Speakers' Biographies



Mads Andenæs QC is Professor of Law at the University of Oslo and the Director of the Centre for Corporate and Financial Law at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, the School of Advanced Study, University of London Member of the Panel of Arbitrators maintained by the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) . When he in 2019 was appointed an honorary Queen's Counsel, the Lord Chancellor said: 'Professor Mads Andenæs is considered a pre-eminent academic and has been recommended for his work in the fields of comparative and international law, and European and domestic private and regulatory law.' He was the Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London and Director of the Centre of European Law at King's College, University of London and a Senior Fellow of the Institute of European and Comparative Law, University of Oxford. He was *Président-rapporteur* of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention 2009-2015.

Lisa Benjamin (PhD) is an Assistant Professor at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland Oregon. Her research includes climate impacts and actions of non-state actors, including companies and institutional investors, with a focus on energy companies. Her doctoral studies focused on carbon major companies, corporate and energy law and climate change, and is the basis for her monograph with Cambridge University Press *Companies and Climate Change: Theory and Law in the United Kingdom*. She is currently a member of the Compliance Committee (Facilitative Branch) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, nominated by GRULAC states, and a Director of the Northwest Environmental Defense Center.



Ina Ebert is an expert for liability and insurance law at Munich Re. Before joining Munich Re in 2005, Ina was teaching civil law and legal history at the universities of Berlin, Heidelberg, Erlangen, Kiel and Tübingen. She is the author of numerous books and articles on liability and insurance law. Her main areas of research are mass litigation and legal aspects of new technologies. Besides her work for Munich Re, Ina is a professor of law at the University of Kiel, member of the Advisory Board of the Institute for Robot Law at the University of Würzburg and Vice-Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board of the European Centre for Tort and Insurance Law (Ectil) in Vienna.

Arianne Griffith is a senior campaigner on corporate accountability at Global Witness where she leads on research and policy for the EU corporate accountability campaign which targets the European Commission's sustainable corporate governance initiative and a new campaign to drive accountability for false climate solutions that delay effective climate action. Arianne is an Attorney and researcher who has published in the areas of public international law and business and human rights. She holds a Master of Laws degree in International Law from UCL and completed her undergraduate law degree at the University of the West Indies.



Catherine Higham is a Policy Analyst and the Coordinator of the Climate Change Laws of the World project at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Catherine joined the Grantham Research Institute after nearly a decade of policy and advocacy work in the not-for-profit sector. Catherine holds an LLM from the University of British Columbia, where she also worked with the University Sustainability Initiative as the Coordinator of the UBC Climate Hub.

Lydia Omuko-Jung is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Public Law and Political Science, University of Graz and a doctoral candidate within the Doctoral Programme Climate Change. Her research focusses on climate change litigation and on legal aspects of consumption-based climate policies. She is also engaged as a Legal Analyst at the Climate Change Litigation Initiative (C2LI) based at University of Strathclyde. Lydia is an Attorney admitted to the Kenyan bar. She previously worked as a litigation counsel in Nairobi where she represented government and non-governmental entities in national and regional courts within East Africa on constitutional law, judicial review, and environmental law cases. She has consulted for subnational governments in Kenya on mainstreaming climate change considerations into sectoral legislations and policies and formulated climate-related policies for them.



Francesco Quarta is Associate Professor of Private Law and Comparative Law at the Bologna Business School, University of Bologna. From 2013 to 2019 served as an Arbitrator for the Banking and Financial Ombudsman, instituted by the Bank of Italy as an alternative dispute resolution permanent board (Arbitro Bancario Finanziario, ABF), authoring over 500 decisions. He is also member of the European Law Institute (ELI), where is working on sustainability in the banking and financial markets within the Special Interest Group (SIG) on Environmental Law.