



Annual Conference 2008

Climate Change and its Challenges for the International Legal System

Call for Papers

The 2008 Annual Conference of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law will be held on Friday 17 October 2008. The theme of the conference will be: 'Climate Change its Challenges for the International Legal System'.

This Call for Papers is for new scholars to submit a proposal for a paper to be delivered at the Conference. It is designed to encourage new academics, doctoral and masters students, and new legal professionals. A list of panels and a brief summary of the issues to be addressed by them is set out below. This is not the final programme and the information attached is for general guidance only. Papers on subjects within these themes or more generally on the subject of climate change and international law are sought.

Interested persons should submit a synopsis (350-600 words) of their proposed presentation **no later** than Monday 14 July 2008 at 5.00pm. The synopsis should provide an outline of the proposed paper and should, *inter alia*, identify the argument to be advanced, and the major issues to be addressed. Proposal submissions should be accompanied by a short CV (no more than 2 pages). The submission should indicate the author's name, institutional affiliation and contact details.

All papers should be sent in the first instance by email to Anna Riddell (BIICL) at a.riddell@biicl.org. The proposals will then be considered by members of the Conference Steering Group. The outcome of the review will be announced at the end of July 2008.

Conference Panels:

Impact of Climate Change on International Law-making

Many areas of international law are affected, directly and indirectly by climate change. This panel will explore the impact on international law-making in areas such as international economic law, humanitarian law, environmental law, law of the sea, and human rights.

Challenges for International Law -Making on Climate Change from Outside the Law

Climate change issues are being discussed in many disciplines. This panel will comprise speakers who encounter international law in their work, such as scientists, business people, economists and diplomats.

Climate Change and National and Comparative Law

There are a number of different approaches to climate change being undertaken in various countries and regions. This panel comprises speakers from a range of national and regional backgrounds discussing their legal approaches in relation to climate change.