

Special Issue

The Climate Change International Investment and Trade Disputes: Legal and Political Implications

Message from the Guest Editors

Climate change is predicted to significantly impact investment, commercial, and trade disputes. There is a rise in international, European, and national regulatory rules mandating companies, foreign investors, and States to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the effects of climate change. The EU and individual States are rapidly introducing rules for companies requiring them to comply with human rights by conducting due diligence and preparing reports on social and environmental risks. The lack of compliance with the environmental, social and governance (ESG) rules warrants legal action from regulators and stakeholders that may cause severe financial damage to a company. The current Special Issue's goal is to address climate change in the context of investment and trade law. The Special Issue discusses the most urgent concerns related to ESG risks and their role in contracts and treaties; climate mitigation measures and trade and investment disputes; mandatory HRDD and its impact on investment arbitration; the role of national governments and other stakeholders in the proliferation of climate change disputes; and the screening mechanisms.

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