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Environmental Legislation and Energy Transition

Message from the Guest Editor

Speaking about environmental legislation and energy transition means to speak about the greatest challenges humanity is currently facing. They must provide answers to systemic crises that threaten civilisation. The term systemic crisis was recently introduced by the OECD. Such crises are characterised by the fact that they usually have a global impact. They cannot be described by linear cause–effect relationships. The consequences of measures are not certain but can only be predicted with a certain probability. Frequently, the catastrophic effects are only recognised when they are no longer reversible. For these reasons, such systemic risks are regularly underestimated by politics and society. The necessary regulatory measures are taken too late. This is a situation that requires action by the international community. What contribution can environmental legislation make to overcome these crises? How should the role of the European Union be described? What measures are being taken to advance the energy transition? This volume aims to provide an overview of answers to these and other questions concerning environmental and energy law.

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