

From Baku to Belém: The Climate Finance Roadmap to COP 30

4 – 5 March 2025

WBS London, The Shard and
Institute for Advanced Legal Studies (IALS)
London

Policy Event and Workshop Concept Note

About the Event:

Climate finance is central to meeting international legal climate obligations and driving policy and operational change on climate action locally, transnationally, and globally. The outcome of the 29th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (COP29) in Baku Azerbaijan, November 2024 (dubbed the ‘Finance COP’) was a new global finance goal and a framework for raising ambition for climate finance in the run-up to COP30 in Belém, Brazil in November 2025. The [agreement](#) for a New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) commits developed countries to ‘lead’ on mobilising at least US\$300 billion in climate finance annually by 2035 and sets into motion a pathway to work towards a scaling up of finance to US\$1.3 trillion a year by 2035.

The ‘From Baku to Belém’ workshop, organised under the auspices of the [Warwick Climate Governance and Policy Nexus \(NEXUS\)](#), the [Warwick Sustainability Spotlight](#) and the [Climate Finance for Equitable Transition \(CLiFT\)](#), will serve as a platform for capacity building, policy advocacy, information dissemination, and networking. It will bring together academics, negotiators, policymakers, civil society groups and representatives from bilateral and multilateral finance institutions. It aims to critically review the outcomes of COP29, assess the current state of climate finance negotiations and policy discussions leading into COP30, and to discuss just and equitable climate action that support transformational change in communities. The event aims to foster dialogue and collaboration among key stakeholders, enabling the development of synergies for advancing equitable climate finance law, policy, and governance and to develop collaborative research and policy initiatives.

Our workshop will be structured into three sessions over two days. It will begin with a public policy event in the morning of Tuesday, 4 March 2025, followed by a capacity building session in the afternoon for academics. A workshop for ECRs working on climate finance law, policy and governance will follow on Wednesday, 5 March 2025.

Day 1: Policy and Capacity Building, 4 March 2025

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Session 1 (9.00am – 2.00pm):

From Baku to Belém: The Climate Finance Roadmap to COP 30

This event will feature panel discussions with key stakeholders involved in the negotiations and advocacy at the UNFCCC that will provide an in-depth review of the climate finance outcomes from COP29, mapping key decisions and action timelines and analyse ongoing policy debates, national implementation strategies, and the climate finance processes leading up to COP30. The session will offer academics an opportunity to hear from and engage with negotiators, policymakers, and representatives from civil society groups and financial institutions on the latest developments from law, policy and practice relating to climate finance.

Programme:

8.45am – 9.15am: **Coffee and Welcome**

9.15am – 9.30am: **Event Opening**

Welcome

- **Professor Kerry Kirwan**, Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research), University of Warwick and Professor, Warwick Manufacturing Group (WMG)

Opening Address

- **Rt Hon Lord Robin Teverson**, Member, House of Lords (Industry and Regulators Select Committee) and Honorary Fellow, Institute for Global Sustainable Development (IGSD)

9.30am – 10.30am: **Unpacking Climate Finance in the Multilateral Climate Regime**

- **Vicente Paolo Yu**, Senior Legal Advisor, Third World Network (TWN), Visiting Research Fellow, UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Associate Fellow, Geneva Center for Security Policy.
- **Katie Swan-Nelson**, Economic Affairs Officer, Climate and Development Strategies Unit, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **Rebecca Thissen**, Global Advocacy Lead, Climate Action Network (CAN) International
- **Professor Celine Tan**, Professor of International Economic Law, University of Warwick

10.30am – 11.00am: Break

11.00am – 1.00pm: **The Baku to Belem Roadmap: Challenges and Possibilities**

- **H E Adonia Ayebare**, Chair, UNFCCC Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)

- **H E Wael Aboulmagd**, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Climate, Environment and Sustainable Development Department, Egypt
- **David Bailey**, Head of Global Climate Finance, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCDO)
- **Meena Raman**, President, Friends of the Earth Malaysia and Head of Programmes, TWN
- **Dr Amiera Sawas**, Head of Research and Policy, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty (FFNPT) Initiative

1.00pm – 2.00pm: Networking Lunch

Session 2 (2.00pm – 5.00pm)

Bridging Research and Policy in Climate Finance

This session will be aimed at academics, especially early career scholars (ECSs), to build capacity for developing policy-relevant research in climate finance, law, policy, and governance. The session will facilitate interactions between academics and key stakeholders involved in the negotiation, policymaking and advocacy of climate finance at multilateral and national levels and develop synergies between academic research and policy and advocacy strategies in this area of law, policy and governance. The session will focus on capacity building by fostering policy-relevant research that can contribute to evidence-based policy development.

Programme:

2.00pm – 3.00pm: **Bridging Research and Policy in Climate Finance**

- **Vicente Paolo Yu**, Senior Legal Advisor, TWN, Visiting Research Fellow, UNRISD and Associate Fellow, Geneva Center for Security Policy
- **Dr Amiera Sawas**, Head of Research and Policy, FFNPT Initiative
- **Dr Farwa Sial**, International Development Economics Associates (IDEAS) and Research Associate, Department of Economics, SOAS University of London
- **Dr Matti Kohonen**, Director, Financial Transparency Coalition (FTC)
- **Dr Leon Sealey-Huggins**, Senior Campaigner on Global Climate Justice at War on Want and Assistant Professor of Global Sustainable Development, University of Warwick

3.00pm – 3.15pm: Refreshments Break

3.15pm – 4.30pm: **Thematic Work Groups**

Participants will be divided into groups to work on specific areas of climate finance law, policy and governance with the aim of thinking through some of the emerging conceptual and policy issues that are arising in this area and to find new synergies between policy practitioners and researchers. This includes themes on just energy finance, multilateral development banks (MDBs), debt and climate and tax and fiscal policy and climate finance.

4.30om – 5.15pm: **Sustainability Spotlight Team Insights**

Members of the University of Warwick Sustainability Spotlight will review the synergies between research and policy in climate finance and discuss collaborations.

- **Professor Giuliana Battisti**, Professor of the Economics of Innovation, Warwick Business School
- **Dr Frederik Dahlmann**, Associate Professor of Strategy and Sustainability, Warwick Business School
- **Professor Celine Tan**, Professor of International Economic Law, University of Warwick
- **Dr Lory Barile**, Associate Professor of Economics University of Warwick
- **Professor Elena Korosteleva**, Professor of Politics and Global Sustainable Development, Director, IGSD and Chair, Sustainability Spotlight Initiative, University of Warwick

Day 2 (9.30am – 2.00pm): ECR Climate Finance Research Workshop, 5 March 2025

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This session will be an academic event aimed at ECRs with interests in climate finance, law, climate justice, and climate governance. It will offer a space platform for ECRs to present their research and build a network with other researchers and stakeholders working in the arena of climate finance law, policy and governance. ECRs will gain the opportunity to share their research and enhance their research skills while connecting with a wider community of researchers in the climate finance field.

Programme:

9:15 am – 9:45am: Welcome and Introductions

9.45am – 10.45am: **Researching Climate Finance Law, Policy and Governance (1)**

To ensure an engaging, participatory, and practical experience, we will adopt the ‘Lightning Talks’ approach to presentations. Each participant will present their research in five minutes, using only one – two slides maximum (with minimal visuals to convey essential points). After every three presentations (15 minutes), a 15-minute group discussion follows, allowing for questions and answers, collective feedback and engagement.

This format promotes inclusivity by ensuring that every participant has the opportunity to present their work. It serves as a valuable practical skill-building exercise, challenging participants to unpack complex ideas and research findings into clear, concise, and accessible insights. This format can also strengthen ERC’s skills to engage with non-academic audiences, particularly policymakers and practitioners by encouraging researchers to communicate their work in a synthetic and lay-friendly manner. It aligns with real-world policy environments, where decision-makers must quickly absorb and act on key concise information.

10.45am – 11.15am: Refreshments and Comfort Break

11.15am – 1.15pm: **Researching Climate Finance Law, Policy and Governance (1)**

1.15pm – 2.00pm: Lunch

2.00pm – 3.00pm: **Distilling Policy Insights from Research**

The objective of this session would be to discuss the translation of academic research into actionable insights for policymakers and practitioners. A panel of senior academics and policy Practitioners who have listened to the presentations in the morning will distill common themes, identify common gaps in scholarship/ policy relevance of the research and offer feedback and recommendations.

3.00pm – 3.15pm: Closing

About the Organisers:

The [Warwick Climate Governance and Policy Nexus \(NEXUS\)](#) seeks to understand and engage with climate change not as a problem to be solved, but as a shared journey that requires humility, collaboration, and the reimagining of what governance can look like. At this pivotal moment in global climate policy, NEXUS aims to build bridges—not only between departments at Warwick but also with the global south, whose lived experiences and wisdom must shape the narrative of climate justice.

The [Sustainability Spotlight](#) at the University of Warwick brings together researchers from across the university and beyond, to undertake cutting-edge sustainability research from an interdisciplinary perspective. Co-laboratories (COLABs), have been established by researchers under the Sustainability Spotlight to enable focussed collaboration on specific issues. The 'From Baku to Belém' workshop is supported by COLAB 5: The Road to COP30 bringing together researchers engaged in thematic policy issues relevant to COP30.

The [Climate Finance for Equitable Transitions \(CLiFT\)](#) project is a multi-institutional and multi-stakeholder initiative aimed at exploring the climate finance supply chain within the context of the multilateral climate change regime, international financial architecture and the multi-layered landscape of international economic law.

The [Centre for Law, Regulation & Governance of the Global Economy \(GLOBE\)](#), based at Warwick Law School, brings together staff and postgraduate students working in areas of international economic law, business and commercial law, corporate governance and financial regulation.

The [Institute for Global Sustainable Development \(IGSD\)](#) is a primary hub for, and a gateway to research on global sustainable development at the University of Warwick.

For more information and registration, please visit our [event website](#).