



Invite for

SPECIAL SIDE EVENT • AT UNGA 81



The Future of Climate Litigation Worldwide and Best Practices for Brazil

DATE	September 23, 2026
TIME	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM (EDT / GMT-4)
LOCATION	Columbia Law School's William & June Warren Hall – Room L107
ADDRESS	1125 Amsterdam Ave. (Corner of 115 th St.), New York, NY 10027, United States
CO-HOSTS	Sabin Center for Climate Change Law (Columbia University); University of São Paulo (USP) & Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUC-RS); Fórum Ambiental do Poder Judiciário (FONAMB); Instituto O Direito Por Um Planeta Mais Verde (IDPV); IDP
FORMAT	In-Person · Expected Attendance: ~40 Guests

18:30 – 18:40

OPENING REMARKS & INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME

Opening Statements & Tribute to Prof. Michael Gerrard:

Co-Hosting Universities — USP & PUC-RS

18:40 – 19:10

KEYNOTE ADDRESS (OPENING LECTURE)

Prof. Michael Gerrard

Faculty Director, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School

Topic: The Evolution of Global Climate Change Litigation

MODERATOR

Caroline Marques Jorge Santos, PhD

PhD in Environmental Law, University of São Paulo Law School (FDUSP)

Associate at Iglecias Advogados

Panel Moderation

19:10 – 20:30

EXPERT PANEL & PERSPECTIVES FROM THE JUDICIARY

Christina Voigt (Virtual Participation)

Professor of Law at the University of Oslo; IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)

Topic: The Protection of The Climate System in International Law

Justice Paulo Sérgio Domingues (Virtual Participation)

Justice, Superior Court of Justice of Brazil (STJ)

Topic: The STJ and the Protection of the Climate System in Brazil

Prof. Patrícia Iglecias

Chief Sustainability Officer (SGA-USP); Associate Professor, University of São Paulo; Former President of CETESB - Environmental Company of São Paulo State and Former State of São Paulo Environmental Secretary

Topic: How Academia in Brazil Can Contribute to Qualified Climate Litigation

Ms. Martina Müller

UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Topic: Climate Action and Disaster Risk Reduction: Perspectives from the UN

Judge Gabriel Wedy

Federal Judge in Brazil and Professor of Climate Law at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS); Former President of the Association of Federal Judges of Brazil (AJUFE); Member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL), the European Law Institute (ELI); and the National Environmental Forum of the Judiciary (CNJ)

Topic: Climate Litigation in the Supreme Federal Court of Brazil

Judge Ilan Presser

Federal Judge; Councilor, National Council of Justice of Brazil (CNJ); President of the Brazilian National Environmental Forum of the Judiciary (National Council of Justice – CNJ); Supervisor of the Brazilian National Judicial Policy for the Environment and Climate; Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from the University of São Paulo (USP), completed in an undergraduate sandwich program with Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU), Germany (2007)

Topic: The CNJ and the Role of the Judiciary in the Era of Climate Change

Prof. Ingo Sarlet

Full Professor of Constitutional Law at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS) and the Brazilian Institute of Public Law (IDP); Holds a PhD in Law from the University of Munich (LMU); Member of the Center for Constitutional Studies at the Supreme Federal Court of Brazil (STF), former State Court Judge (TJRS), and practicing attorney and legal consultant

Topic: Brazilian Climate Constitutionalism

Distinguished Address:

Justice Luís Roberto Barroso (Virtual Participation)

Former Chief Justice, Supreme Federal Court of Brazil (STF)

Topic: Constitutional Frameworks and Environmental Protection in Brazil

20:30 – 21:00

CLOSING REMARKS

Prof. Michael Gerrard

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