

# 51st Annual Wolfgang Friedmann Conference

## International Environmental Law in a World at a Crossroads

**March 31, 2025**

### Breakfast Reception

Join the Columbia Society of International Law (CSIL) for a breakfast reception with our esteemed speakers.

**JG Annex, 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

### Mr. Trevor Sutton: A Decarbonization-Focused International Trade Regime: How To Align Economic Activity with Climate Goals

Trevor Sutton, Senior Research Associate at the Columbia SIPA's Center on Global Energy Policy, will describe why reform of the multilateral trade system and new forms of international cooperation are needed to manage tensions associated with the transition to a low-carbon global economy.

**JG Annex, 10:30 AM**

### Keynote Speaker Professor Michael Gerrard: An Overview of Climate Cases at International Courts

Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice Michael Gerrard will describe key climate cases currently pending before the International Court of Justice, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights, and the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea.

**JGH 105, 12:10 PM**  
**Lunch will be Served**

### Professor Camila Bustos: Climate Migration Law and Policy

Camila Bustos, Pace University Elisabeth Haub School of Law Professor, will discuss key legal and policy issues regarding climate migration. Climate change will continue to force people to move internally and across borders. This is a tremendously complex issue, with implications for administrative, immigration, and international law, among others.

**JGH 105, 1:30 PM**

### Professor Cymie Payne: Navigating Uncertain Waters: Climate Change, the Marine Environment, and Multilateralism in Tumultuous Times

Cymie Payne, Rutgers Law School Professor, will discuss the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement. The BBNJ Agreement is a milestone in global ocean governance, demonstrating the resilience of multilateralism even as isolationist tendencies grow. This talk explores the challenges of bringing the BBNJ to life.

**JGH 105, 2:30 PM**

