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# CLIMATE LITIGATION IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

SPECIAL PANEL AT THE  
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OF THE 2024 IUCNAEL  
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## About the panel

Launching a cutting-edge special collection in *Journal of Human Rights Practice* (2024), the panel explores the politics of knowledge production on climate change law and governance, and offers novel insights on challenges, opportunities, and complexities in Global South Climate Litigation.



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the project.

*Amplifying Global South Perspectives  
on Climate Law and Governance*

## Amplifying Voices from the Global South: The GNHRE Project on Climate Litigation

We are happy to announce that 16 peer-reviewed papers arising from the first phase of the **GNHRE's Climate Litigation in the Global South Project** have been published in a peer-reviewed special collection of *Journal of Human Rights Practice* 2024, volume 16(1).

The special collection, edited by project leaders, Melanie Murcott and Maria Antonia Tigre, reveals the breadth of research conducted through the project. From assessing constitutional cases in Brazil, to examining the role of climate litigation in legal mobilization strategies in South Africa, to conceptualizing how rights-based climate litigation in Indonesia could look, each paper offers a nuanced understanding of the complexities involved. Contributions build on and bring context-specific nuance to existing scholarship engaging with the burgeoning global phenomenon of climate litigation. Key themes include the challenges of enforcing court orders to achieve positive climate outcomes, inequalities in climate vulnerabilities, the recognition of the intrinsic value of nature, and the value and pitfalls of adopting human rights-based approaches. The evolving role of courts in the Global South in addressing climate-related disputes emerges clearly.

The first phase of the project ran from December 2021 to June 2024, and attracted 30+ contributing authors, supported by 13 editorial team members. We collaborated with 9 authors from Africa (representing 5 contributions), 20 authors from Latin America (representing 11 contributions), and 1 author from Asia (representing 1 contribution). All contributions are listed below. We also produced an annotated [bibliography](#) to support future research on climate justice and draw attention to the vast and diverse array of scholarship available, including often overlooked literature produced by Global South scholars and practitioners.

In October 2022, several contributing authors presented their research at the “7th Annual Rule of Law and Sustainable Development Seminar” organized by Southampton Law School and Te Piringa Faculty of Law, Waikato University. At this hybrid event, the project leaders and several other contributors shared Global South perspectives on climate litigation with scholars from around the globe.

On **6 July 2024**, we look forward to launching the *Journal of Human Rights* special collection at the 21st IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium at Gujarat National Law University, India. The theme for the Colloquium is “Mission LiFE: Ensuring Environmental Sustainability & Climate Justice through Community Action”, which aligns with the knowledge produced by the project.

As the project has progressed, it has been a catalyst for meaningful change in perceptions of climate litigation and knowledge production by legal scholars in the Global South. A second phase of the project is underway with a new cohort of scholars. It is expected to yield a groundbreaking book, *Climate Litigation and Vulnerabilities: Global South Perspectives*, published by Routledge.

By amplifying often marginalized perspectives, fostering communities of practice, and advancing the discourse on climate litigation, the project and the knowledge it has produced represents a beacon of hope in the fight against climate change. As we look to the future, our wish is that the project will continue to play a pivotal role in shaping the legal and social landscape of climate action in the Global South and beyond.

*Project leaders: Maria Antonia Tigre & Melanie Murcott, 3 July 2024*

## ***Journal of Human Rights Practice* special collection contributions:**

1. [Melanie Jean Murcott and Maria Antonia Tigre, Developments, Opportunities, and Complexities in Global South Climate Litigation: Introduction to the Special Collection](#)
2. [Maria Antonia Tigre, The 'Fair Share' of Climate Mitigation: Can Litigation Increase National Ambition for Brazil?](#)
3. [Danielle de Andrade Moreira, Ana Lucia B Nina, Carolina de Figueiredo Garrido, Maria Eduarda Segovia Barbosa Neves, Rights-Based Climate Litigation in Brazil: An Assessment of Constitutional Cases Before the Brazilian Supreme Court](#)
4. [Délton Winter de Carvalho, Rafaela Santos Martins da Rosa, Climate Constitutionalism as a Foundation for Climate Litigation in Latin America](#)
5. [Fernanda de Salles Cavedon-Capdeville, María Valeria Berros, Humberto Filpi, Paola Villavicencio-Calzadilla, An Ecocentric Perspective on Climate Litigation: Lessons from Latin America](#)
6. [Ademola Oluborode Jegede, Framing Climate Litigation in Individual Communications of the African Human Rights System: Claw-Backs and Substantive Divergences](#)
7. [Melanie Jean Murcott and Clive Vinti, The Judge-Made 'Duty' to Consider Climate Change in South Africa, Journal of Human Rights Practice](#)
8. [Yusra Suedi, Marie Fall, Climate Change Litigation before the African Human Rights System: Prospects and Pitfalls: Practice Note: GNHRE Climate Litigation in Global South Project](#)
9. [Gastón Medici-Colombo and Thays Ricarte, The Escazú Agreement Contribution to Environmental Justice in Latin America: An Exploratory Empirical Inquiry through the Lens of Climate Litigation](#)
10. [Juan Auz, The Political Ecology of Climate Remedies in Latin America and the Caribbean: Comparing Compliance between National and Inter-American Litigation](#)
11. [Natalia Urzola Gutiérrez, Gender in Climate Litigation in Latin America: Epistemic Justice Through a Feminist Lens](#)
12. [Diogo Andreolla Serraglio, Fernanda de Salles Cavedon-Capdeville, and Fanny Thornton, The Multi-Dimensional Emergence of Climate-Induced Migrants in Rights-Based Litigation in the Global South](#)
13. [Lisa Chamberlain, and Melissa Fourie, Using Climate Litigation to Strengthen Advocacy Strategies: The Life After Coal Campaign in South Africa. Journal of Human Rights Practice](#)
14. [Lorena Zenteno Villa, Exploring Institutional Barriers to Effective Human Rights-Based Climate Litigation in Latin American Courts—Lessons from Chile and Ecuador](#)
15. [María Daniela de la Rosa Calderón, Rights-based Climate Litigation in Colombia: An Assessment of Claims, Remedies, and Implementation](#)
16. [Conrado M Cornelius, What Might Future Rights-Based Climate Litigation Look Like in Indonesia? A Preliminary Analysis](#)