



ICEL / UC3M Workshop
*Protection of the Environment in Times of Armed Conflict:
Assessing implications of
the International Law Commission's Draft Principles and related
issues*
Madrid, 18 November 2022

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M), **GETAFE CAMPUS**
ROOM 14.0.11 (Building 14, Sala Buero Vallejo), Calle Madrid, 126, GETAFE (28903-Madrid)



AGENDA

- **9:20 am (CET):** Participants assemble at UC3M's Getafe Campus (Building 14, Sala Buero Vallejo: 14.0.11).

- **9:30 am (CET). OPENING: WELCOMING REMARKS**

Chaired by *Carmen Pérez González*, Vice-Dean for International Relations, Faculty of Social and Legal Sciences, UC3M; Associate Professor of Public International Law at UC3M.

✿ *Pablo Ruiz-Jarabo*, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for the United Nations, International Organizations and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Spain.

✿ *Manuel Blasco Gómez*, Brigadier General; Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Planification and Environment, Ministry of Defence, Spain.

✿ *Chistina Voigt*, Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law; Co-chair of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee; Professor of Public international law and Coordinator at PluriCourts, Center of Excellence at the University of Oslo, Norway (*online*).

✿ *Montserrat Abad Castelos*, Professor of Public International Law at UC3M and Co-director of the ICEL's International Secretariat.

- **10:00 am (CET). FIRST PANEL. THE ILC'S DRAFT PRINCIPLES FROM INSIDE**

■ Moderated discussion – Chaired by Simón Pedro Deffendini, Adjunct Professor of Public International Law at UC3M.

✿ **Introduction to the topic of PERAC**, *Niliifer Oral*, Member of the UN International law Commission; Professor, Law Faculty, Istanbul Bilgi University –Turkey–, and Director of the Center for International Law, National University of Singapore (*pre-recorded video*).

✿ **The ILC work on the Protection of the Environment in relation to Armed Conflicts**, *Marja Lehto*, Member of the UN International law Commission; Special Rapporteur on the topic; Ambassador, Senior Expert on Public International Law, Legal Service; MFA of Finland.

✿ **International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Law and Environmental Law: A Complex and Interactive Approach in the ILC Draft Principles**, *Concepción Escobar*, Member of the UN International law Commission; Former Head of the International Legal Department of the Spanish MFA; Director of the Center of Studies of IHL, Spanish Red Cross; Professor of Public International Law at UNED, Spain.

- **10:45 am (CET). COFFEE BREAK**

- 11:15 am (CET). SECOND PANEL. ENVIRONMENT–PEACE–SECURITY NEXUS: FEASIBLE PATHS AHEAD

■ Moderated discussion – Chaired by *Carlos Moreira*, Professor of Public International law; Director of the Master in European Union Law at UC3M.

✿ **Pax Ecologica: A Vision from International Law**, *José Juste Ruiz*, Emeritus Professor of Public International Law, University of Valencia, Spain; External Adviser of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation on diverse aspects of Environmental Law.

✿ **Environment and Peace under Siege. Which way forward?** *Donald Kaniaru*, Former Director of the Division of Environmental Policy Implementation and of the Division on Environmental Conventions, UNEP; ICEL’s Representative before UN, Nairobi, Kenya (*online*).

✿ **Climate Change and Security: An European point of view**, *Carlos Fernández-Arias Minuesa*, Ambassador, Vocal Advisor for Security and Climate Change & the Spacial Security Strategy of the European Union, Directorate General for External Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Spain; Former Spain Ambassador in South Africa and at the EU’s Political and Security Committee.

✿ **Whether Occupying Powers should take Action against Climate Change during International Military Occupations**, *Romina Edith Pezzot*, Lecturer of Public International Law and International Humanitarian Law (UBA), PhD Researcher, Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland.

- 12:15 pm (CET). THIRD PANEL. BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER ARMED CONFLICT - SOME STRATEGIC ISSUES (PART I)

■ Moderated discussion – Chaired by *Carlos Fernández Liesa*, Professor of Public International law at UC3M and Deputy Director of the Institute Francisco de Vitoria.

✿ **Protected Areas: Enhancing Protection through Environmental law**, *Karen Hulme*, Professor of Public International Law at the University of Essex, UK; Chair of the IUCN WCEL *Specialist Group on Environmental Security and Conflict*.

✿ **Protected Zones: An ICRC Perspective**: *Helen Obregón Gieseken*, Legal Adviser at the Legal Division of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland.

✿ **Nature and Indigenous Peoples in Conflict and Post-conflict Scenarios**, *Lieselotte Viaenne*, Phd Lecturer, UC3M; Coord. of the European Research Council’s Funded Project “Rivers” (*online*).

- 13:00 pm (CET). MUSICAL PIECE: Music and Culture in Promoting the Implementation of Environmental Laws, conducted by *Chiya Amos*, Permanent Conductor and Advisor of the Hirodai Symphony Orchestra, Research Fellow (Sustainability Science) at Hiroshima University, Japan; ICEL Representative for Music & Culture for the Environment (*pre-recorded video*).

■ Opening remarks by *Koh Kheng Lian*, Emeritus Professor Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore; Former Director of APCEL; and current member of its Advisory Committee (*pre-recorded video*).

- 13:15 pm (CET): LUNCH

Afternoon

- 14:45 pm (CET). FOURTH PANEL. BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER ARMED CONFLICT - SOME STRATEGIC ISSUES (PART II).

■ Moderated discussion – Chaired by *Félix Vacas Fernández*, Associate Professor of Public International Law, UC3M

✿ **The Martens-Amman Clauses**, *Montserrat Abad Castelos*, Professor of Public International Law at UC3M and Co-director of the ICEL's International Secretariat.

✿ **Remnants of War**, *Doug Weir*, Research and Policy Director, CEOBS, UK.

✿ **Environmental Crimes and Transitional Justice**, *Thomas Hansen*, Associate Professor in International Law at Ulster University's Transitional Justice Institute, UK; Senior Research Fellow at ICEL's International Secretariat and at UC3M.

- 15:30 pm (CET). FIFTH PANEL. INCORPORATING INTERNATIONAL LAW ON THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN RELATION TO ARMED CONFLICT

■ Moderated discussion – Chaired by *Ignacio García Sánchez*, Navy Captain (Retired); Electronic Warfare Specialist; Deputy Director of the Spanish National Security Department (2018-21) and of the Institute for Strategic Studies (2010-17); Head of the NATO Security Investment Program Division in the Allied Transformation Command Headquarters in Norfolk (2006-09).

✿ **The Governments' Role – A Spanish Perspective**, *Santiago Ripoll*, Head of the International Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Spain.

✿ **Military Doctrine, Policies, Principles and Normative Framework in the NATO and EU's operations**, *Lázaro Albarracín Santa Cruz*, Colonel and Head of the Area of Environmental Sustainability, Ministry of Defence, Spain.

✿ **The ICRC's Guidelines on the Protection of the Natural Environment in Armed Conflict**: *Helen Obregón Giesecken*, Legal Adviser at the Legal Division of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland.

- 16:15 pm (CET). COFFEE BREAK

- 16:30 pm (CET). SIXTH PANEL. RAPPORTEURSHIP OF THE WORKSHOP'S CONCLUSIONS

■ Chaired by *Felipe González Morales*, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants; Professor of International Law at the Diego Portales University, Chile; Honorary Professor at UC3M.

✿ **On the ILC's Draft Principles and its Implications:** *Daniëlla Dam-de Jong*, Deputy Chair of the IUCN *WCEL Specialist Group on Environmental Security and Conflict*; Associate Professor, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University, The Netherlands (*online*).

✿ **On the Need to Strengthen International law on this topic:** *Laura Movilla*, PhD Lecturer of Public International Law, University of Vigo, Spain; Research Fellow at ICCEL's International Secretariat.

✿ **On the Need for States, IGOs and Governmental Agencies to Take Specific Measures:** *Justo Corti & Álvaro Jarillo*, Associate Professor and PhD Lecturer in International Law at UNED, Spain.

✿ **On the Need for Non-State Actors, NGOs, and Civil Society at large to Take Specific Measures:** *Victor Tafur*, Deputy Executive President of ICCEL; ICCEL Representative before UN; Adjunct Professor at Pace University, NY, USA (*online*).

- 17:30 pm (CET). CLOSURE

■ Presented by *Teresa Parejo*, Co-director of the ICCEL's International Secretariat, Spain.

✿ *Antonio H. Benjamin*, Chancellor of ICCEL; Chair Emeritus of the WCEL; President of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment; Justice of the National High Court of Brazil (*online*) & *Nicholas A. Robinson*, Executive President of ICCEL; Chair Emeritus of the WCEL; Emeritus Professor at the University of Pace, NY, USA (*online*).



ORGANIZATION

■ *This one-day workshop is jointly organized by the International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL) and Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M), in collaboration with other institutions: the IUCN - World Commission of Environmental Law, the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment, the Center of Studies of International Humanitarian Law of the Spanish Red Cross, and the Chaire Normandie por la Paix. This event brings together senior experts in order to address the main themes related to the ILC's Draft Principles and its related issues. Furthermore, it collects specific Conclusions, to make them public and strategically disseminated.*

■ *Inside UC3M, this event has received specific grants from the Vice-Rectorate for Scientific Policy and the Dean of the Faculty of Social and Legal Science. Concurrently, the organisation has also received support, on the one hand, from the Department of International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law, and, on the other hand, from the Francisco de Vitoria and Pascual Madoz Institutes (being the latter where the ICEL's International Secretariat is currently hosted).*

■ **SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:** *Prof. Antonio Herman Benjamin* (Chancellor of ICEL; President of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment; Chair Emeritus of the World Commission on Environmental Law; Justice of the National High Court of Brazil - STJ); *Prof. Donald Kaniaru* (Former Director of the Division of Environmental Policy Implementation and of the Division on Environmental Conventions, UNEP; ICEL's Representative before UN, Nairobi); *Prof. Koh Kheng Lian* (Emeritus Professor Faculty of Law National University of Singapore, former Director of APCEL, and currently member of its Advisory Committee); *Reinhard Krapp* (Minister and Diplomat -retired- Republic of Germany; Attorney-at-Law); *Prof. Nilüfer Oral* (Member, U.N. International Law Commission; Professor, Law Faculty, Istanbul Bilgi University –Turkey–, and Director of the Center for International Law, National University of Singapore); *Prof. Eckard Rehbinder* (Emeritus Professor, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany); *Prof. Nicholas A. Robinson* (Executive Governor of ICEL; Emeritus Professor of Pace University, New York); *Prof. Christina Voigt* (Professor of Public International Law, University of Oslo, President of the World Commission on Environmental Law, Governing Board Member of ICEL).

■ **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:** *Montserrat Abad Castelos and Victor Tafur* (Directors, Madrid / New York); *Thomas Obel-Hansen* (Academic Coordinator); *Isabel Hernández San Juan* (Coordinator for Logistics & Social Networks); *Esther Torrecilla* (Administrative Coordinator).

ATTENDANCE and REGISTRATION

■ **To attend *online*:** *you will be able to join the workshop and also to participate via chat through the Youtube channel by using these links on the day of the workshop:*

■ **BEFORE lunch:** https://youtu.be/ma_UZSsofVI

■ **AFTER lunch:** <https://youtu.be/gCkbHrZkMAQ>

■ **To join the workshop *in person*:** *please, register in advance via this link:*
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScs1ZHeMBA7J6orE2SaQNiKkdsEoY7tPywnaT5SuLKoEjzYpw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>