

A Mandate for All

The Legal and Civic Imperative to Confront the Climate Emergency

12-13 November 2025

Conference Program

First Day

Date: November, 12

Time: 09 a.m. - 06:15 p.m. (BRT) / Receptions

Local: Belém, Rio de Janeiro, NYC

Address:

Belém: Silveira & Athias Law Firm | Avenida Alcindo Cacela, 1858 - Nazaré, Belém, Pará

Rio de Janeiro: FGV Centro Cultural Auditorium | Praia de Botafogo, 190 - Botafogo, Rio de Janeiro, RJ

NY: Moot Court Room, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, White Plains, New York

09 a.m. to 09:30 a.m.

Welcome Coffee and Registration

Welcome Remarks

09:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

[RJ] Antônio Maristrello Porto | Vice Dean of FGV Rio Law

[Zoom] Horace Anderson | Dean of Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

[Belém] Jorge Alex Nunes Athias | Silveira & Athias Law Firm (Host Venue)

Keynote Addresses

10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

[Zoom] Selwin Charles Hart | UN Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Climate Action and Just Transition

[Zoom] Peggy Shepard | Executive Director at We Act

First Panel: The Accelerating Climate Crisis

Moderator: [Belém] Achinthe Vithanage | Elisabeth Haub
School of Law at Pace University

10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. [Belém] Dr. Brendan Mackey | Griffith University
[Belém] Carlos Nobre | Brazilian Climate Scientist

Youth Commentator:

[Belém] Ashley Gentile | Elisabeth Haub School of Law at
Pace University

Second Panel: The International Law of State Obligations for Climate

Moderator: [Zoom] Prof. Dr. Bharat Desai | Humbolt
Award Professor, Bonn University, Germany (Zoom)

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. [Zoom] Prof. Christina Voigt | Chair, IUCN Commission on
Environmental law, Norway

UN International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion

[Zoom] Prof. Camilla Bustos | Elisabeth Haub School of
Law at Pace University

Inter-American Court of Human Rights Advisory Opinion

Youth Commentator:

[New York] Maria Lambert | Elisabeth Haub School of Law
at Pace University

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Break

Third Panel: Cities & Climate Change - Taking the actions needed

Moderator: [RJ] Prof. David Cassuto | Elisabeth Haub
School of Law at Pace University

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. [Zoom] Ilan Cuperstin | Rio de Janeiro City Hall

[Zoom] Brad Lander | New York City Comptroller

[Belém] Igor Normando | Mayor of Belém City Hall

[RJ] Ryan Rowberry | Professor at Georgia State
University

Youth Commentator:

[RJ] Daniel Calarco | International Youth Watch (OIJ)

Fourth Panel: Indigenous Peoples and Traditional Communities addressing the climate crisis

Moderator: [Belém] Isabel Veloso | FGV Rio Law

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. [Zoom] Ken Ahmann | Colusa Indian Energy
[Belém] Ibraim Rocha | State Attorney of Pará
[RJ] Werner Grau Neto | Pinheiro Neto Advogados

Youth Commentator:

[Belém] Kimberly Silva | Organização Palmares Lab

Fifth Panel: Networking to Magnify Effectiveness

Moderator: [Belém] Prof. Michael Hamersky | Executive Director, Pace Energy and Climate Center

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. [Belém] Dr. Gustavo Alanis | Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental
Duties and Public Participation Escazu and Aarhus Agreements
[Belém] Hunter Lovins | Natural Capitalism Solutions

Youth Commentator:

[Belém] Samira Ben Ali | World's Youth for Climate Justice

Sixth Panel: Just Transition

Moderator: [Zoom] Lonnie Portis | We Act, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. [Zoom] Eric Walker | We Act, Energy Justice Senior Policy Manager
[Zoom] Immaculata Casimero | Wapichan Wiizi Women's Movement, Co-Founder



Youth Commentator:

[Zoom] Dominique Calanas | Grassroots Justice
Network, Program Officer

Closing Remarks

5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

[Belém] Prof. Jessie Owley | Miami Law

[New York] Prof. Nicholas Robinson | Elisabeth Haub
School of Law at Pace University

[RJ] Prof. Rômulo Sampaio | FGV Rio Law

Cocktail Reception | Belém, Rio de Janeiro and New York

Second Day

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[RJ] Rômulo Sampaio | FGV Rio Law

[Belém] Pedro Bentes | Silveira & Athias Law Firm (Host Venue)

09:30 a.m. to 09:50 a.m.

Roger Martella | International Bar Association

Michael Wilson | Supreme Court of Hawaii

Katrina Kuh | Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

[Belém] Sávio Barreto | Pará Bar Association

First Panel: The role of the judiciary in the climate agenda

Moderator: [Zoom] James R. May | Washburn University School of Law

[Zoom] Luc Lavrysen | European Union Forum for Judges for Environment

09:50 a.m. to 11 a.m.

[RJ] Vinicius Lameira Bernardo | Brazilian Association of Members of the Public Ministry of the Environment (ABRAMPA)

[RJ] Júlio Borges | Attorney General's Office (AGU)

[Belém] Fernanda Tanure | BMA Law Firm

Youth Commentator:

[Zoom] Umair Saleem | Eliabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

Second Panel: Corporate Climate Action: Accountability and the Path to Net Zero

Moderator: [RJ] Rômulo Sampaio | FGV Rio Law

11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

[RJ] Tiago Moura | NewFields

[RJ] Márcio Pereira | BMA Law Firm

[RJ] Alessandra Lehmen | Co-Chair, Climate Law and Governance Initiative

[Belém] Fábio Flores | Silveira & Athias Law Firm

[Belém] João Irineu | Stellantis

Youth Commentator:

[Zoom] Carington Lowe | Eliabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch Break

Third Panel: Outcomes of IUCN World Conservation Congress October in Abu Dhabi

Moderator: [Zoom] David Forman | University of Hawaii

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

[Zoom] Prof. Richard L. Ottinger | Pace Energy & Climate Center, Eliabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

[Belém] Jojo Mehta | Stop Ecocide International

[Belém] Achinthe Vithanage | Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

Youth Commentator:

[New York] Isabela Vasconcelos Chelou | Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

Fourth Panel: Public attorneys' perspective on the climate change agenda

Moderator: [RJ] Rômulo Sampaio | FGV Rio Law

2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

[RJ] Leonardo Quintanilha | State Attorney of Rio de Janeiro at the State Institute for the Environment (INEA)

[RJ] Rafael Daudt | State Attorney of Rio de Janeiro

Youth Commentator:

[New York] Mackenzie Scheurman | Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

Fifth Panel: Bar Associations & Lawyers Ensuring that Climate Duties are Fulfilled

Moderator: [Belém] Achinthei Vithanage | Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

[RJ] Leticia Perrone Campos Mello | Brazil Federal Bar Association

Maggie Pahl | American Bar Association

Steven Richman | International Bar Association, Bar Issues Commission

Andres Dulanto Tello | Lima Bar Association

[Belém] Sam Bookman | Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice

[RJ] Flavio Ahmed | Rio de Janeiro State Bar Association

Youth Commentator:

[Belém] Samuel Fonseca de Carvalho | Global Center for Environmental Legal Studies, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

Sixth Panel: Climate Restoration

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Moderator: [Zoom] Barbara J. Bramble | National Wildlife Federation, United States

VP International Conservation Ret.

[Belém] Dr. Ramakrishna Kilaparti | Woods Hole Oceanographic

Institution, United States

[Belém] Dr. Brendan Mackey | Griffith University,
Queensland, Australia (in Belem)

[Belém] Dr. Ken Buessler | ExOIS Program at Woods Hole
Oceanographic Institution, United States (in Belem)

[Zoom] Peter Fiekowski | Founder of Foundation for
Climate Restoration, California, United States (ZOOM)

Youth Commentator:

[Belém] Maria Clara Fernandes | FGV Rio Law

Seventh Panel: Climate Finance: Challenges and Opportunities

Moderator: [RJ] Paula Duarte | FGV Rio Law

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

[Zoom] Joaquim Levy | Director of Economic Strategy
and Market Relations at Safra Bank

[Belém] João Daniel Sá | Silveira & Athias Law Firm

[RJ] Markus Gehring | Cambridge University

[RJ] Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger | Cambridge
University

Youth Commentator:

[Zoom] Akinola Afolarin | Pace Energy & Climate
Center, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

Closing Remarks from COP30

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