

## SYMPOSIUM 90

### Modality:

Online

### Symposium:

INTERSECTIONALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN INTERNATIONAL  
LAW: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON PROTECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

### Thematic area:

4 – Human Rights and People/Groups in Situations of Vulnerability;

### Coordinators:

**Name of Coordinator 1:** Juliane Tedesco Andretta

**Institution:** Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná, Brazil

**Curricular Summary:** Juliane Tedesco Andretta is a PhD candidate in Economic Law and Development at Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR), Brazil, and a visiting researcher at the University of Münster, Germany. She holds a Master's degree in Economic Law and Development and a Law degree from PUCPR. Her research focuses on the EU-Mercosur Agreement and its implications for environmental conditionality, sustainability, and human rights. She received the Marcelino Champagnat Award for academic excellence and is a member of the editorial team of the Revista de Direito Econômico e Socioambiental and the NEADI research group.

**Name of Coordinator 2:** Selena Vitti

**Institution:** University of Münster, Germany

**Curricular Summary:** Dr. Selena Vitti is a Schumann Fellow at the Karina und Erich Schumann Centre for Advanced International Legal Studies, University of Münster. She holds a PhD in Legal Sciences completed with honours under a cotutelle agreement between the University of Milano-Bicocca and the University of Münster. She also holds an LLM in International Dispute Resolution from King's College London and a master's degree in law from the University of Bologna. Her research focuses on feminist intersectional approaches to international criminal law, with particular attention to sexual and other gender based crimes and the structural inequalities embedded in international criminal justice.

### Line(s) of discussion (symposium description):

Environmental harms are not experienced uniformly. Those most affected by climate change, environmental degradation and the shortcomings of international environmental governance are disproportionately communities already marginalised along intersecting axes of gender, race, class, age and other axes of identity. Yet international legal frameworks – including climate regimes and related governance mechanisms – continue to treat affected



populations as largely undifferentiated, thereby obscuring the structural inequalities that shape both exposure to harm and access to protection and remedy.

This symposium invites critical and interdisciplinary contributions that bring intersectional perspectives into dialogue with international environmental law and justice. It seeks to interrogate how and to what extent existing legal frameworks account for differentiated vulnerability, and to examine the limits of current approaches to protection and accountability in addressing complex, overlapping forms of harm.

The symposium is organised around two lines of debate. The first engages with intersectionality as a theoretical and methodological framework, including its origins and development within legal scholarship. The second focuses on its application to concrete issues such as climate governance, environmental protection and accountability mechanisms. Particular attention will be given to Global Majority perspectives across both lines of debate.

**Languages of abstracts that will be accepted for presentation:**

**English (X)**