

Re-Globe Seminar Series

Climate Neutrality in International Investment Law

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The European Climate Law, in line with the temperature targets of the Paris Agreement, sets the objective of achieving climate neutrality in the EU by 2050. The lecture will explore the nexus between climate change and international investment law. International investment agreements are relevant for decarbonizing the global economy, as governments need to encourage investment in clean energy while also requiring policy space to implement unprecedented regulatory changes to foster a transition away from fossil fuels. In the latter context, the investor-state dispute settlement mechanism contained in international investment agreements is widely perceived as a potential obstacle to domestic climate mitigation efforts by policymakers, United Nations Special Rapporteurs, civil society groups, and many scholars. The on-going reform options for international investment treaties and their impacts on achieving climate neutrality will be discussed.

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