

5TH SCELG BIENNIAL GUEST LECTURE

Accountability in the Paris Agreement:

The Role of Transparency and Compliance at COP26

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Speaker Biographies

5th SCELG Biennial Guest Lecturer



Christina Voigt is a renowned expert in international environmental law and professor of law at the University of Oslo. Professor Voigt has published widely on legal issues of climate change, environmental multilateralism and sustainability and is a frequent speaker at international and national events. From 2009-2018, she also worked as legal adviser and negotiator for the Government of Norway in the UN climate negotiations. Professor Voigt is currently co-chair of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee. She is also chair of the Climate Change Specialist Group of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law and a member of the IUCN Climate Change Task Force. For more information, please click [here](#).

Panelists



Keith Bell holds the Scottish Power Chair in Smart Grids at the University of Strathclyde. He joined the University in 2005 having previously worked as an electrical engineering researcher in Bath, Manchester and Naples, and as a system development engineer in the electricity supply industry in Britain. He is a member of the UK's Climate Change Committee, a co-Director of the UK Energy Research Centre and is involved in CIGRE, the International Council of Large Electric Systems. He is a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and has advised the Scottish, UK and Irish governments and the UK's office of gas and electricity markets, Ofgem, on electrical energy and power systems issues. For more information, please click [here](#).

Panelists *(continued)*



Gerard Howe is currently the lead and Deputy Director for the Scottish Government on COP26 and International Climate Change, working within the Directorate for Energy and Climate Change. Prior to joining the Scottish Government in January 2021, Gerard led FCDO's development work on the United Nations and the Commonwealth and set up an independent consultancy, The Climate Inclusion Partnership, advising on links between climate change and inclusion. Gerard worked for the Department for International Development (DFID) for twenty years, leading DFID's Inclusive Societies Department to focus on gender equality, disability inclusion, civil society, preventing violence against women and girls and social protection.



Jimena Nieto Carrasco is currently a Professor of International Environmental Law, in graduate and postgraduate programmes at three universities in Bogotá, Colombia. She was a civil servant for more than twenty years, working for the Ministries of Environment and Foreign Affairs of Colombia. She was instrumental in the adoption of Article 15 during the negotiations that led to the Paris Agreement, and currently serves as a member of the Compliance Committee established under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Implementation and Compliance Committee of the Basel Convention on Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Waste and their Disposal, where she had already served as Chair from 2012 to 2015.

Moderators

Michael Mehling is Deputy Director of the MIT Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research and a Professor of Practice at the University of Strathclyde School of Law. He is a founding board member of Ecologic Institute in Washington DC, the Blockchain & Climate Institute (BCI) in London, and the European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition (ERCST) in Brussels. He also serves on the board of Ecologic Institute in Berlin, is co-Editor-in-Chief of the quarterly journal *Carbon & Climate Law Review* (CCLR), and an Associate Researcher with the Energy Policy Research Group (EPRG) at the University of Cambridge.

Francesco Sindico is Reader in International Environmental Law at the University of Strathclyde Law School in Glasgow, Scotland, UK. He is also the Co-Director of the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance. Francesco is a co-investigator on the One Ocean Hub. Previous posts include Lecturer in International Law at the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy of the University of Dundee (where he is currently an Honorary Lecturer in International Law) and Lecturer in Law at the School of Law of the University of Surrey, Guildford, UK, where he also served as Deputy Director of ERRG.