Events

Greifswald Talks on Energy, Environmental and Maritime Law

The IfEUS organises the Greifswald Talks on Energy, Environment and Maritime Law. The aim is to discuss current issues and problems in a practical and solution-oriented manner.

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Planning, promotion and regulation as a suitable governance model?

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TASKS AND FOCUSES OF THE INSTITUTE

The transition of the energy, economic and social systems to climate-neutral and sustainable systems is a current challenge for politics. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed that health protection is a global issue and requires planetary healthcare in the long term. This means that health and environmental protection must be considered together. Both challenges can neither succeed without digitisation nor without the use of artificial intelligence. To avoid placing the burden of dealing with these issues exclusively on future generations and a shifting to other areas, the development of comprehensive guiding principles, concepts and instruments is indispensable. The historic challenge, which must include the findings from various disciplines, requires legal support and advice.

With this in mind, the Institute focuses on the following topics:

- Basic research on climate protection and climate adaptation law,
- Legal advice on the energy transition,
- Public information and participation, access to justice,
- Biodiversity protection, also beyond national jurisdiction,
- Legal issues of infrastructure development (onshore and offshore),
- Legal issues of the interconnection of health and environmental systems,
- The use of digital and artificial intelligence-based technologies in environmental decision-making.

The Institute of Energy, Environmental and Maritime Law (IfEUS) addresses these topics in research projects and individual research work in an interdisciplinary manner with reference to legal practice (judiciary, industry, associations and advocacy).

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

Kopernicus Project Ariadne – Shaping the energy transition

From electricity supply to industry, to the Paris climate goals, from single sectors to the big picture: The Ariadne project involves a network of leading research institutions – including the IfEUS – and works on an comprehensive research process to shape the energy transition. The aim of the three-year project is to improve the understanding of the impact of various policy instruments in order to develop socially sustainable energy transition strategies. Policy-makers, the economy and citizenz will be involved from the beginning in a large-scale dialogue process. Ariadne is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and is partof the Kopernikus research initiative.

Competence Network Environmental Law (KomUR)

The IfEUS is a member of the Competence Network Future Challenges of Environmental Law (KomUR) foundet by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) as part of the funding programme Research for Sustainability (FONA). It includes the realisation of a total of 14 doctoratal theses in environmental law at six German universities between 2020 to 2022. The focus lies not only on national, but also international networking in the context of workshops, conferences, research stays and publications.

Fundamental issues of biodiversity

Sabine Schlacke is a member of the Standing Senate Commission for Biodiversity Issues (SKBV). She will lead the Access and Benefit-Sharing Working Group (AG ABS) of the German Research Foundation (DFG) in 2022. Here, new scientific findings related to biodiversity research with regard to their social and political significance will be approached in the shape of independent interdisciplinary expert forums. The basic research concerns in the political and legislative sphere are introduced to the bodies of the DFG, politics and society.

Ongoing doctoral projects (selection)

- Species protection and light emissions
- Sufficiency and law
- Prosuming in the electricity sector
- Acceleration of infrastructure planning
- Sustainability and the use of communal areas
- Artificial intelligence and environmental law
- Constitutional challenges of climate protection law
- Comparative legal analysis of circular economy regulations
- The duty of care in circular economy law
- Comparative legal analysis of hybrid CO_2 pricing models
- Duty of care and supply chains
- Research data management and biodiversity

ACADEMIC POLICY ADVICE

German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU)

Sabine Schlacke is Co-Chair of the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU). It was founded as an independent scientific advisory body in 1992. The WBGU conveys complex factural connections, estimates risks and proposes ecological and socio-economic 'guard rails', which should not be crossed.

Science Platform on Climate Protection (WPKS)

Sabine Schlacke is the Co-Chair of the WPKS, which was established by the Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMU) and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) in June 2019. It supports the Federal Government with scientific expertise in the implementation and further development of the Climate Protections Plan, Germany's long-term strategy.