Preface

It has been a great honour for me to collaborate with the Carbon & Climate Law Review analysing papers presented in response to the invitation to emerging scholars devoted to climate law. I enjoyed the variety of approaches and the quality of contributions.

The international community needs participation of all nations in the common effort to mitigate climate change and to adapt to its negative effects. In the end, the mechanisms to configure each national effort will take legal form and be implemented through rules and regulations. Elaborating, proposing and implementing these rules and regulations is a complex exercise, requiring ingenuity and imagination, and a deep understanding of the scientific basis.

Because climate change is a challenge of unparalleled urgency, swift action is required at all levels of governance before we cause irreparable damage to the climate system. But making laws is not a nimble affair, and ensuring timely action with global participation will demand political understanding and a universal vision that carefully balances all affected interests.

Law will always be a fundamental tool for the construction of any meaningful response to climate change, and the winning entries compiled in this issue remind us of the fascinating questions of legal scholarship and doctrine we will encounter in the process.

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