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# Strategic Litigation in the Fields of Energy and Climate in Japan, France and Germany

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## **Venue**

Berlin Campus of the FernUniversity in Hagen  
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Conflicts arising from climate and energy transition are increasingly brought before national and international courts. Climate change litigation targets both, states and companies, to achieve stronger climate measures or accountability for historical emissions. Energy litigation regularly channels opposition against local projects of new energy infrastructure, implementing climate mitigation measures. Both climate and energy litigation are regarded as potentially influential factors affecting climate governance and energy transition.

To better understand the origins and impact of legal mobilization, the concept of strategic litigation has been applied in the field of climate litigation. It provides also a promising analytical lens to learn more about energy litigation. Stemming from research on social movements it captures strategic agency behind legal mobilization to achieve not at least wider social, economic or political goals. A comparative study on Japan, France, and Germany promises especially valuable insights due to their different paths of energy transformation and litigation practices.

During the conference, we will discuss how we can conceptually capture strategic climate and energy litigation, which strategic elements we can identify empirically in Japan, France and Germany and what we can learn from identified similarities and differences. The conference aims to deepen our understanding of climate and energy litigation in comparative perspective as an expression of social and political tensions and its implications for climate and energy transition.

**This is an inperson event (no hybrid option). For participation, registration via email is required at [conte-conference@fernuni-hagen.de](mailto:conte-conference@fernuni-hagen.de). We kindly ask for your understanding that the number of participants is limited.**





# Programm

<b>09:00 – 09:15 (CET)</b>	<b>Opening remarks</b> by Prof. Dr. Annette Elisabeth Töller <i>(FernUniversität in Hagen)</i>  <b>Presentation of the ConTE Project</b> by Dr. Magali Dreyfus <i>(Université de Lille)</i>
<b>09:15 – 10:30 (CET)</b>	<b>Panel 1: Capturing Strategic Elements of Energy Litigation: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Conceptual Foundations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Anna Wenz-Temming <i>(FernUniversität in Hagen)</i></li><li>• Assistant Prof. Dr. Masako Ichihara <i>(Kyoto University)</i></li><li>• Dr. Romain Gosse <i>(Université de Lille)</i></li></ul> <b>Discussant:</b> Alix Weigel, M.A. <i>(FernUniversität in Hagen)</i>
<b>10:30 – 11:00 (CET)</b>	Break
<b>11:00 – 12:30 (CET)</b>	<b>Panel 2: Cause Lawyering in Climate and Energy Policy: Between Agency, Strategy, and Political Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof. Dr. Remo Klinger <i>(Geulen &amp; Klinger Law Firm / Eberswalde University of Sustainable Development)</i></li><li>• Assistant Prof. Adrienne Sala, PhD <i>(Waseda University)</i></li><li>• Kaoru Koide <i>(Green Right Law Firm)</i></li><li>• Paul Mougeolle, PhD <i>(Notre affaire à tous)</i></li></ul> <b>Discussant:</b> Dr. Magali Dreyfus <i>(Université de Lille)</i>

<b>12:30 – 13:30 (CET)</b>	Lunch Break
<b>13:30 – 15:00 (CET)</b>	<b>Panel 3: Zooming in on Strategic Litigation: Legal Innovation, Actor Dynamics, and Impact Pathways</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assistant Prof. Dr. Andreas Hofmann <i>(University of Leiden)</i></li><li>• Prof. Dr. Isabelle Giraudou <i>(University of Tokyo)</i></li><li>• Dr. Magali Dreyfus <i>(Université de Lille)</i></li></ul> <b>Discussant:</b> Assistant Prof. Adrienne Sala, PhD <i>(Waseda University)</i>
<b>15:00 – 15:30 (CET)</b>	Break
<b>15:30 – 16:45 (CET)</b>	<b>Roundtable: Strategic Climate and Energy Litigation in Comparative Perspective: Insights from Japan, France, and Germany</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof. Dr. Dr. H.C. Andreas Paulus <i>(University of Göttingen; Former Justice at the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany)</i></li><li>• Naoki Ikeda <i>(Asunaro Law Office / Professor, Kwansei Gakuin University)</i></li><li>• Prof. Marc Heinis <i>(University of Lille / 1st Vice-President and Administrative Judge, Appeal Administrative Court of Douai)</i></li></ul> <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Dr. Annette Elisabeth Töller <i>(FernUniversität in Hagen)</i>
<b>16:45 – 17:00 (CET)</b>	<b>Concluding Remarks</b>