

## **2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT - ESIL INTEREST GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**

Since the 2021 report, the Interest Group on International Human Rights Law has engaged in the following activities.

### **September 23rd 2021 Ecocide: Legal Revolution or Symbolism? (Online Event)**

**Speakers:** Philippe Sands, Kai Ambos, Paola Gaeta, Jorge Viñuales, Jan-Phillip Graf, Romina Pezzot

The panel discussed the proposed definition of the crime of 'ecocide', a new international crime to be added to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, which the Independent Expert Panel for the Legal Definition of Ecocide published in June 2021.

### **January 20th 2022 Poland's "Constitutional Crisis" in light of EU and Human Rights Law (Online Event)**

**Speakers:** Mark Dawson, Agata Hauser, Wojciech Sadurski, Pierre Thielbörger

The panel discussed the causes of the new strong anti-European and anti-human rights decisions of Poland's Constitutional Tribunal and how those judgements can be linked to the European Commission's triggering of the Article 7 procedure against Poland in 2017.

### **September 13th 2022 The Right to a Healthy Environment – An Old Hat or a New Achievement? (Online Event)**

**Speakers:** David Boyd, Marie Petersmann, Otto Spijkers, Arphita Kodiveri, Pierre Thielbörger

On 28 July 2022, the UN General Assembly recognized the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment in what has been described as a historic or landmark resolution. What – if any – is the political and legal significance of this resolution, and how new is the right to a healthy environment really? The IFHV and the IG discussed the consequences and implications of this resolution on September 13th 2022.