

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**ENERGY CRISIS AGAINST THE**  
**BACKGROUND CLIMATE**  
**EMERGENCY**

**DATES**

APRIL 13 - APRIL 15 2023

**VENUE**

UNIVERSITY CENTER TELČ, UNDER THE  
PATRONAGE OF THE FACULTY OF LAW OF  
THE MASARYK UNIVERSITY, CZECH  
REPUBLIC



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## INTRODUCTION

### Climate Change

Climate change is the biggest environmental crisis of our time. Especially in recent years, our planet has been exposed to environmental challenges caused or exacerbated by climate change. The effects of climate change include heatwaves, droughts, more frequent and powerful tropical cyclones, heavier monsoon rains, accelerated sea level rise or biodiversity loss. In the face of worsening climate crisis, countries including the UK, Canada, France or Argentina, hundreds of cities (such as New York, London, Paris, Sydney or Berlin), Pope Francis and also the European Parliament stressed the urgency of enhanced ambition to tackle climate change and declared climate emergency. The term “emergency” is a way of signalling the need to go beyond reform-as-usual. According to the IPCC, the global response to climate change should comprise transitions in land and ecosystem, energy, urban, infrastructure and industrial systems. In addition, according to the EU’s 8th Environment Action Programme, it means living within planetary boundaries. Energy transition, a pathway toward transformation of the global energy sector from fossil-based to zero-carbon, appears to be unavoidable.

### Energy

Recent geopolitical tensions threaten the EU’s ability to import sufficient volumes of energy resources at affordable prices. A Gazprom’s suspension of gas deliveries to several EU member states further worsened EU’s energy security. Energy prices have spiked to levels not seen in decades. In response to an unprecedented energy crisis, the EU Commission introduced REPowerEU – comprehensive plan aimed at rapidly reducing EU’s dependence on Russian fossil fuels. On the one hand, the REPowerEU plan sets out a series of measures to speed up EU’s green transition and spur massive investment in renewable energy (the Commission is proposing to increase the EU’s 2030 target for renewables from the current 40% to 45%). On the other hand, some EU members stepped up efforts in coal and mining to find a remedy to this crisis. The amount of coal consumed by EU countries rose from 449 million tons in 2021 to 478 million tons in 2022. Several EU member states have announced the extension or reopening of coal-fired power plants that were shut down in response to climate change issues. It is generally acknowledged that a short-term and temporary prioritisation of EU’s energy security is necessary, however, EU’s long term climate objectives should not be compromised.

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## AREAS OF INTEREST

the conference aims to explore and discuss:

- a) the role of energy and environmental law in responding to climate emergency;
- b) the role of energy law in addressing the energy crisis;
- c) the role of energy law in reducing EU's dependence on Russian fossil fuels;
- d) compatibility of the REPowerEU plan with the EU's climate objectives;
- e) EU's effort to balance its energy security and climate ambitions.

## APPLICATIONS

Applications can be submitted via e-mail to the following address:  
**[martin.svec@mail.muni.cz](mailto:martin.svec@mail.muni.cz)** by **25 March 2023**.

Please include the following information:

- The author's name and affiliation;
- A 500-700-word abstract [Word file or PDF];
- The author's CV, including a list of relevant publications, if applicable;
- The author's contact details, including e-mail address and phone number;
- Whether the author is an ESIL member (Being an ESIL Member is not a requirement to submit an abstract)
- Interdisciplinary and co-authored papers are also welcomed.

Senior and junior scholars (including PhD students) are invited to participate in the call for papers. More abstracts can be submitted, but only one abstract per author will be accepted.

Applications will be reviewed, and all applicants will be informed of the decision of the selection committee soon after the deadline.

Registration fee: 95 Euro

## VENUE AND DATES

The conference will take place from April 13th to 15th 2023 in the University Center Telč, under the patronage of the Faculty of Law of the Masaryk University.

## PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

The conference organizers have publication plans for the presented papers. The precise nature and format of publication will be discussed in more detail during the conference, however, the organizers preliminary vision is to publish an edited book with an international publisher or a special section or special issue of a Journal.

## CONFERENCE CHAIR AND COORDINATOR

### MARTIN SVEC

*Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic*

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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## CO-ORGANIZERS

The conference is jointly organized by the ESIL Interest Group on International Environmental Law and Masaryk University, Faculty of Law.



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