

5th International Online Workshop For Environmental Law PhD Students

Thursday, 28th May 2026, 9am-6pm CET

**Discuss your research with an international circle of other PhD students
and environmental law professors!**

This workshop is, again, organized as a joint effort of the European Environmental Law Forum (EELF), Environmental Law Special Interest Group of the European Law Institute, the Faculty of Law of Opole University, Poland, the Faculty of Law of Groningen University, The Netherlands, the German Competence Network for Environmental Law and Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research. It is aimed to provide an opportunity for PhD students and doctoral candidates to present the concepts of their dissertations and discuss them with their peers and an international circle of environmental law professors. Participants will be given 15 minutes to present their work followed by 10 min. discussion.

Outstanding concepts will be invited to submit a paper to the “Journal for Environmental and Planning Law (JEEPL) and the Opole Studies in Administration and Law (OSAP).

Participation is free of charge and subject to the following eligibility requirements:

- any PhD student writing doctoral thesis in broadly understood environmental law, thus also including energy law, planning law, climate law, animal law
- before thesis are completed and defended,
- from any university or academic institution around the world,
- supported by the respective academic supervisor.

Abstracts shall be submitted by 6th April 2026 to envilaw-phd-workshop@ufz.de and:

- not exceed 750 words, be written in English,
- name title, author, academic supervisor and institutional affiliation,
- briefly outline the main research question(s), approach and hypotheses or results,
- be accompanied by a brief recommendation by the academic supervisor.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee on a rolling basis and successful candidates will be **informed by 20th April 2026**, at the latest. The supervisors of accepted participants will be invited to join the event.

Scientific Committee

Luc Lavrysen Ph.D., Professor emeritus at Ghent University and President of the Constitutional Court in Belgium (Chair); Jerzy Jendrośka Ph.D, Professor at Opole University, co-editor of OSAP), Moritz Reese Ph.D, Professor at Leipzig University and head of Department for Environmental and Planning Law, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Leipzig Germany, Chairman of EELF; Lorenzo Squintani Ph.D, Professor at Groningen University and editor of JEEPL.