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## ***Corporate accountability, human rights, and climate change in Slovenia and beyond***

**Monday, 16 September 2024**

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**Jože Pučnik Lecture Hall**

**Mestni trg 23, 1000 Ljubljana**



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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

***New University (ARIS Project on Corporate accountability, human rights, and climate change, no. J5-50171 (A))***

***Jean Monnet Module on EU Business and Human Rights Law***

cordially invite you to a conference dedicated to Corporate accountability, human rights, and climate change in Slovenia and beyond. A detailed program of the conference is attached below.

The conference will take place at the New University in Ljubljana on 16 September 2024.

Please confirm your attendance at the conference no later than Thursday, 12 September [HERE](#).

With best wishes,

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## **Objectives of the conference**

Climate change has upended human lives and endangered their livelihoods. At the same time, the consequences of climate change in the form of rising sea levels, drought, melting of ice, rising sea and air temperatures, floods, fires, earthquakes, and the like interfere with the everyday lives of ordinary people. Climate change has negatively affected provisions of fundamental socio-economic rights and thereby negatively affected socio-economic livelihoods and has been responsible for loss and damage. In turn, the erosion of socioeconomic livelihoods has also negatively affected the enjoyment of civil and political rights. Businesses, also some preeminent carbon-significant corporations, have struggled to introduce due diligence in their operations and to employ climate mitigation and adaptation measures. Nonetheless, the rights-holders have struggled to enforce corporate human rights accountability for climate change. Climate change has consequently become a prominent public and political issue that has received considerable attention in the political science and public policy literature. Nevertheless, scholars have only recently begun to publish legal articles on corporate accountability, climate change, and human rights. Therefore, only a few articles were published in the broad field of business, human rights, and climate change. The legal debate on this issue, especially within Slovenian law, EU law, and international human rights, remains limited and scattered, but certainly in the early phase of the study.

The conference will theoretically analyse companies' responsibility for human rights related to climate change and develop theoretical and normative foundations for a coherent and fair Slovenian and international legal order. It aims to identify the philosophical, legal, and normative underpinnings of corporate accountability for the negative impacts of climate change on human rights in Slovenia and beyond.



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The conference will critically investigate the shortcomings of the current domestic legal systems frameworks to develop a holistic theoretical and normative model for improving corporate accountability, human rights, and climate change regulation in regulation in Slovenia and beyond.

The conference will occur on Monday, 16 September 2024, between 9:00 and 14:00 at New University, Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

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## Program

**Registration: 9.00 – 9.30**

**Panel 1: 9.30 – 11.30**

Introduction: **Jernej Letnar Čerňič**, New University

### **1. Business, Climate Change and Human Rights: Good Practices and Challenges**

**Laura Valle**, Free University of Bolzano, Bolzano

**Carmen Márquez Carrasco**, University of Sevilla, Sevilla



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**Janja Hojnik**, University of Maribor, Maribor

**Özlem Zingil**, Center for Spatial Justice, Istanbul

**Chair: Matej Avbelj**, New University, Nova Gorica/Ljubljana

**11h30-12h00 Coffee break**

**Panel 2: 12.00 – 14:00**

## **2. Business, Climate Change and Human Rights in Slovenia**

**Anja Strojín Štampar**, New University, Nova Gorica/Ljubljana

**Boštjan Šefic**, Government of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana

**Matej Avbelj**, New University, Nova Gorica/Ljubljana

**Chair: Gorazd Justinek**, New University, Nova Gorica/Ljubljana

**Closing: Jernej Letnar Čerňič**, New University, Nova Gorica/Ljubljana

14:00 lunch



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