

CONFERENCE

# Connecting Canada's Climate Policy Network

Wednesday, March 3rd  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm (PST)

This conference is the first step of a multistage research project, which aims to improve climate policy outcomes through better alignment of policy actors. The project is predicated upon a simple notion: when actors improve their understanding of the networks in which they operate, they also improve their chances of discovering new ways to coordinate their efforts with others. In turn, better coordination results in better outcomes, which equals faster decarbonization.

Accordingly, this conference explores the past, present, and potential futures of Canada's climate policy network. It will connect climate policy actors to discuss this network's layers of actors, norms, and processes.

A digital workshop will follow the conference. This workshop will leverage the collective knowledge of climate policy insiders to construct a map of Canada's climate policy network. This map will be published as part of the project's phase one report. This report will be available, free of charge, to the public by the end of 2021. The report will guide the latter phases of the project, which will include further mapping of network nuance, identifying areas of network weakness, and building greater capacity in identified areas.

This event qualifies for 3 CPD credits.

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## AGENDA

- 9:00 to 9:05 am**      **Opening Greeting with Dr. Janis Sarra and Dr. Fenner Stewart**
- 9:05 to 9:45 am**      **Directions for Climate Policy**  
Moderator: Juvarya Veltkamp  
Presenters: Céline Bak & Margot Hurlbert  
Discussant: Katelyn Deyholos (J.D. Candidate at the University of Calgary)  
Questions
- 9:45 to 10:20 am**      **A Model of Canadian Climate Governance**  
Moderator: Juvarya Veltkamp  
Presenters: Temi Onifade and Dr. Fenner Stewart  
Discussant: Charlotte Woo (J.D. Candidate at the University of Calgary)  
Questions
- 10:20 to 10:25 am**      **Break**
- 10:25 to 11:10 am**      **Keynote: Bridging Canadian Climate Governance to Indigenous Ethics**  
Moderator: Sonia li Trottier  
Presenters: John Borrows  
Discussant: Amelia Harman (J.D. at the University of Calgary)
- 11:10 to 11:55 am**      **Canada's Climate Policy Network in Practice**  
Moderator: Sonia li Trottier  
Presenters: Andrew Leach, Rachel Samson & Arlene Strom  
Discussant: Nick Ettinger (J.D. Candidate at the University of Calgary)  
Questions
- 11:55 to 12:00 pm**      **Closing Remarks with Dr. Fenner Stewart**
- Conference Rapporteurs:      João Victor Germano de Aquino Lima (J.D. Candidate at the University of Calgary) & Laura Glover (J.D. Candidate at the University of Calgary)

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## PRESENTERS' BIOGRAPHIES



Dr. Janis Sarra

Dr. Janis Sarra's research and teaching interests are in the areas of corporate finance, banking law, corporate governance, securities law, contracts, commercial insolvency law, and law and economics. Dr. Janis is Professor of Law, at the Peter A. Allard School of Law and founding Director of the National Centre for Business Law. She served as Associate Dean of the Allard School of Law until 2007, with oversight of development, strategic planning, alumni relations and communications. In 2004, she was awarded the title of Distinguished University Scholar for her scholarship in corporate and securities law.

Dr. Janis was appointed UBC Presidential Distinguished Professor in 2014 for a five-year term. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Janis served as Director of the Wall Institute for Advanced Studies at UBC.

She has published 15 books and has been cited extensively by Canadian courts at the superior court and appellate levels. She is currently a director of Assuris, the British Columbia Law Institute, and the International Insolvency Institute. She is a member of the Canadian Delegation to the UN Commission on International Trade Law.



Dr. Fenner Stewart

Dr. Fenner Stewart is an associate professor at the University of Calgary. He is an award-winning teacher and scholar. Dr. Fenner is a 2021 Research Fellow in Energy and Environment at the School of Public Policy. Dr. Fenner has a PhD in law from Osgoode Hall Law School, where he was an adjunct professor for four years. He was also a Visiting Fellow at Columbia Law School.

Dr. Fenner's research focus is on legal and political philosophy, the confluence of public and private law, and natural resource governance. He studies the challenges facing natural resource governance, including decarbonization, federalism, obligations to indigenous populations, risk management, innovation and regulation, and public trust.

Dr. Fenner has taught Business Associations, the Dentons' International Energy Law Study Tour, and Oil and Gas Law in the JD program, as well as an LLM seminar in advanced jurisprudence and legal philosophy. He has supervised research papers and graduated theses on many aspects of environmental and energy governance, including topics focused on environmental impact processes, carbon emission regulation, comparative law, regulatory theory, corporate legal theory, and the governance of natural resources.

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Céline Bak

Céline Bak is an expert on energy, finance and innovation with 30 years of international business, research and policy experience in more than 25 countries. Her work spans management consulting to Fortune 500 companies as an Associate Partner with Kearney.

In 2018, she was knighted as a Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite by President Emmanuel Macron for mobilizing the private sector in the run-up to the Paris Agreement which commitments she endeavours to support in her public- and private-sector engagements.

Céline is the Founder and President of Analytica Advisors, a consulting firm engaged in building global capital markets for sustainability leaders among both long-term investors and companies. It focuses on financial and technical innovation for its clients the world over.

Céline is an ambassador for women under the global Equal by 30 Initiative. She is a senior associate at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) where she leads research on sustainable finance.



Margot Hurlbert

Professor Margot Hurlbert is the Canada Research Chair, Tier 1, Climate Change, Energy, and Sustainability Policy at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.

Margot's experience includes 11 years of private practice, seven years at SaskPower as the Assistant General Counsel, Coordinating Lead Author with the IPCC Land and Climate Report (2019), and member Future Earth Working Group on Transformations. Margot is a Scientific Coordinator, Task Force on Earth System Law and a Senior Research Fellow of the Earth Systems Governance Project in the Netherlands.

Margot has a BA in administrations from the University of Regina, an LLB and LLM in Constitutional Law with a focus on energy, natural resources and Indigenous and environmental issues from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University and a PhD in Social and Behaviour Sciences from the University of Amsterdam.

With over 100 publications, her research interests focus on energy, climate change, agriculture, and water. Margot has led and participated in many SSHRC, NSERC and IDRC research projects, serves on the editorial boards of international journals, and is the Lead of the Science, Technology and Innovation Research Cluster at Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy in Regina.

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Temi Onifade

Temitope Onifade's broad interest is in energy and environmental policy. He currently focuses on climate policy. After engaging experts at the University of Calgary and the Sabin Centre at Columbia University, he started building on this contribution with a PhD at the University of British Columbia. His PhD models hybrid regulation that combines government, business, and NGO pathways in the transition to low-carbon economies.

Temi's other representative works are on the Alberta royalty review, sovereign wealth funds, natural resource funds, peoples-based permanent sovereignty over natural resources, renewable energy policy schemes and Africa's non-renewable extractive sector law. He has contributed over 20 outputs in journals, books, reports, and policies, and has served on several editorial boards. Temi is also the co-author of *The emergence of foreseeable biodiversity-related liability risks for financial institutions: A gathering storm?*. His conference participation has been across Africa, Europe, Central America, and North America. He is participating in the Public Voices Fellowship on the Climate Crisis Finalist Programme at Yale University. He also mobilizes experts to teach Africans about climate change. He is a recipient of 40 awards and grants from governments, NGOs, international organizations, and universities.



John Borrows

John Borrows BA, MA, JD, LL.M. (Toronto), PhD (Osgoode Hall Law School), LL.D. (Hons., Dalhousie, York, SFU, Queen's & Law Society of Ontario), D.H.L. (Toronto), F.R.S.C., is the Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law at the University of Victoria Law School in British Columbia.

His publications include, *Recovering Canada; The Resurgence of Indigenous Law* (Donald Smiley Award for the best book in Canadian Political Science, 2002), *Canada's Indigenous Constitution* (Canadian Law and Society Best Book Award 2011), *Drawing Out Law: A Spirit's Guide* (2010), *Freedom and Indigenous Constitutionalism* (Donald Smiley Award for the best book in Canadian Political Science, 2016), *The Right Relationship* (with Michael Coyle, ed.), *Resurgence and Reconciliation* (with Michael Asch, Jim Tully, eds.), *Law's Indigenous Ethics* (2020 Best subsequent Book Award from Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, 2020 W. Wes Pue Best book award from the Canadian Law and Society Association).

He is the 2017 Killam Prize winner in Social Sciences and the 2019 Molson Prize Winner from the Canada Council for the Arts, the 2020 Governor General's Innovation Award. John is Anishinaabe/Ojibway and a member of the Chippewa of the Nawash First Nation in Ontario, Canada.

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Andrew Leach

Andrew Leach is an energy and environmental economist and is Associate Professor at the Alberta School of Business at the University of Alberta. He has a Ph.D. in Economics from Queen's University, and a B.Sc (Environmental Sciences) and M.A. (Economics) from the University of Guelph and recently completed an L.L.M. from the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta which will be conferred in 2021. His research spans energy and environmental economics with a particular interest in climate change policies and the law.



Rachel Samson

Rachel Samson has worked on climate change policy, and the intersection of environmental and economic policy, for over 20 years. Rachel has experience at various federal government departments, including as an economist at Finance Canada and as Director of Current Analysis and Economic Research at Environment and Climate Change Canada. Between 2014 and 2019, Rachel worked as a consultant, undertaking research, analysis, policy advice and report writing for clients such as the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Rachel holds a Master's degree in economics from Queen's University, with a specialization in environmental economics.



Arlene Strom

Arlene Strom has been with Suncor Energy for 18 years. Since January 2019, Arlene has been in the role of Chief Legal Officer & General Counsel for Suncor. Prior to taking on this role, Arlene led various portfolios including Sustainability, and Indigenous and Government Relations. Arlene is the chair for the Suncor Energy Foundation and also Suncor's Inclusion & Diversity Council.

Arlene chairs the board of the Alberta Lieutenant Governor's Arts Awards Foundation and is a member of the University of Calgary Management Advisory Council for the Haskayne School of Business.

Arlene has a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Trinity Western University, a Master of Arts in Public Policy from University of British Columbia, and an LLB from University of British Columbia.

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## MODERATORS' BIOGRAPHIES



Juvarya Veltkamp

Juvarya Veltkamp brings 22 years of experience, with 16 related to climate change and sustainable development. For the past ten years, she led low-carbon economy projects and programs for the City of Vancouver, where she directed a team of four seasoned economic development staff and additional contractors and scholars. She designed and delivered multiple programs that increased the adoption of low-carbon technologies and helped small- and medium-sized businesses develop climate action plans. She provided oversight for the development of various climate-awareness and education materials for small businesses and contributed to a Carbon Accounting guide used by the Certified Management Accountants of Canada.

She has designed and delivered an undergraduate program teaching sustainable development at Kwantlen University Polytechnic and she taught in the University of Waterloo's Economic Development certificate program. Juvarya earned an MBA from the University of British Columbia and a B.A. (Hons) in Economics and Sustainable Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London U.K. She holds the Global Competent Boards Designation (GCB.D).



Sonia li Trottier

Sonia li Trottier is a strong bilingual communicator with skills in content development, event design, social media, media relations, and strategic communications. Her background in fintech, green economy, social development, and international development roles puts her in a strong position to scale up the Canada Climate Law Initiative (CCLI)'s knowledge mobilization efforts in both French and English. Prior to joining CCLI, she worked in communications and community engagement for a fintech holding company and a digital asset exchange based in Thailand. She also worked for the Global Green Growth Institute in Jordan as well as for Greenpeace Southeast Asia in Thailand.

Sonia li holds a BA in International Relations and International Law at the Université du Québec à Montréal and an MSc in Environment at the Université de Montréal.