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4th Young Sustainability Law Conference – JNR 2025

Sustainability Law: Comparative, Interdisciplinary, and Intradisciplinary Perspectives

19 to 21 June 2025 in Hamburg (Germany)

– Call for Abstracts –

Introduction

Promoting sustainable development is one of the most complex challenges where **international, cross-jurisdictional, and -disciplinary understanding is key** for finding feasible and effective solutions. Yet, the current discussions are often confined to individual legal systems and legal disciplines, with limited integration across fields or engagement with other sciences. The JNR 2025 tackles this fragmented approach. It will provide an opportunity for discussion, the creation of a robust network that brings together diverse research efforts, and the fostering of lasting collaborations.

The conference connects three distinct approaches in the sustainability discourse:

1. *Comparative Approach*

While efforts to promote sustainable development are of global relevance, legal solutions stem in large part from national and regional authorities. This plurality does not have to create an obstacle for cross-border cooperation, but can instead rather be taken as a chance to observe different approaches and benefit from each other's experiences. Against this backdrop, we encourage comparative contributions exploring the role of sustainable development in various legal systems, e.g. with regard to enforcement mechanisms, liability standards, and institutional arrangements. A comparative analysis could reveal possible legal transplants, prospects for harmonisation, common trends and principles. It could highlight the role of supranational frameworks, different legal cultures, and political influences.

2. *Interdisciplinary Approach*

Addressing the challenges of sustainable development demands more than insights from the field of law alone. Solutions require knowledge exchange across scientific disciplines, integrating diverse perspectives. Fields crucial for enabling a sustainability transition are e.g. environmental science, business and economics, sociology, psychology, and political science as well as chemistry and materials science. By integrating insights from other sciences, the legal framework can be expanded to better reflect and respond to real-world challenges. Such an approach ensures that legal responses are comprehensive, adaptable, and capable of supporting meaningful, lasting change across society. We invite submissions that bridge other

scientific fields with law to enrich the sustainability discourse. Contributions may explore the role of behavioural sciences in shaping sustainable practices and compliance, identify economic, environmental, or sociological indicators that could inform legal standards or policy evaluations. Insights from circular economy models and other innovative solutions from business practice or industry could be integrated.

3. *Intradisciplinary Approach*

Legal subdisciplines focus on different aspects of environmental, social and economic responsibility. However, the interplay between the different legal fields of sustainability remains largely unexplored. We aim to unlock this underdeveloped potential for the further development of sustainability law. An intradisciplinary contribution, therefore, creates new links between the various legal subdisciplines, reveals different and shared terms and concepts. Themes include (but are not limited to) the interplay between public and private enforcement, the interaction of administrative approaches and criminal enforcement, or interrelations between fundamental rights, climate litigation and corporate conduct.

Submission Guidelines

We **invite young researchers** (Master, PhD, Postdoc, or assistant professors) to submit abstracts of up to 800 words (including footnotes and references) by **28 February 2025** to team@jnr2025.de. Please indicate your academic stage, your institutional affiliation, and provide three to five thematic keywords. It is possible to submit several abstracts from multiple researchers with a common theme to form a unified or partial panel. If you wish to submit a panel proposal, please indicate the connected abstracts and add a short description of max. 100 words on the common theme and connections between the projects.

Timeline: Abstract submission deadline: 28 February 2025; selection of speakers: Early April 2025; conference: 19 to 21 June 2025; manuscript submission deadline: 22 July 2025.

Additional Information

- The conference language is **English**.
- An attractive programme including panel discussions, key notes, and framework activities will be arranged.
- Presentations will be approximately **20 minutes** with additional discussion.
- All speakers will have the opportunity to publish their papers in an edited volume. The final version of the manuscript must be submitted by 22 July 2025.
- For speakers, accommodation in Hamburg during the conference will be provided and reasonable **financial support** for travel expenses will also be available.

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