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Call for Papers

The Future of Transnational Environmental Law

Early Career Scholars' Workshop – Transnational Environmental Law (TEL)
23 October 2026 - European University Institute, Florence

Transnational Environmental Law (TEL) invites submissions for an early career scholars workshop on “**The Future of Transnational Environmental Law,**” to be held on **23 October 2026** at the **European University Institute (EUI)** in Florence.

For over 15 years, *TEL* has provided a peer-reviewed platform dedicated to advancing innovative scholarship on environmental law and governance beyond the state. The journal’s editorial vision emphasizes the analysis of legal and regulatory developments across multiple levels of governance, the role of non-state actors, and the interaction between law, science, and policy in addressing global environmental challenges. In 2025, *TEL* and Cambridge University Press also launched a [book series](#) in Transnational Environmental Law for larger projects on the same themes.

The workshop reflects this mission by fostering forward-looking, methodologically diverse, and conceptually rigorous contributions that push the boundaries of transnational environmental law scholarship.

Themes and Scope

The workshop aims to bring together emerging scholars working at the intersection of environmental law, governance, and transnational legal processes to reflect critically on how transnational environmental law is evolving in response to myriad contemporary challenges. These include, but are not limited to, climate change, biodiversity loss, technological transformation, geopolitical fragmentation and conflict, corporate and financial regulation, and the changing roles of non-state and sub-state actors.

We welcome **unpublished draft papers** that engage with the future trajectories, conceptual foundations, and practical implications of transnational environmental law. Contributions may be theoretical, doctrinal, empirical, or interdisciplinary in approach.

Possible themes might include:

- The changing architecture of transnational environmental governance
- The role of courts, regulators, and private actors in shaping transnational environmental norms
- Interactions between international, regional, national, and local environmental law
- Corporate accountability, finance, and supply-chain regulation
- Science, uncertainty, and expertise in transnational environmental decision-making
- Equity, justice, and intergenerational dimensions of transnational environmental law
- Digitalization, AI, and new technologies in environmental governance
- Methodological and conceptual innovations in transnational environmental law scholarship and teaching

These themes are indicative rather than exhaustive. Submissions addressing other aspects of the future of transnational environmental law are also warmly encouraged.

Publication Opportunity

The workshop is designed to support early career scholars in developing publishable research. **Selected papers will be considered for publication in *Transnational Environmental Law*.** In some cases, review and revision process for TEL may be initiated **prior to the workshop**, allowing the event to focus on constructive engagement and further refinement of the work.

Submission Details

- **Who may apply:** Early career scholars (including PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers, and scholars within the early stages of their academic career)
- **What to submit:**
 - A **draft paper**, preferably in line with *TEL* author guidelines, available [here](#). Papers must be unpublished and not submitted for simultaneous consideration elsewhere.
 - A **cover letter**, summarizing the research question, methodology, and contribution to the field
 - A **CV**
- **Deadline for submissions: 13 April 2026**
- **Notification of decisions: 30 April 2026**
- **Please submit via email to: TELworkshop2026@gmail.com**

Practical Information

One night accommodation in Florence will be covered for participants. In addition, (limited) financial support will be available to assist with travel expenses.

Further details regarding the submission process and practical arrangements will be provided to accepted participants. Further questions may be sent to TELworkshop2026@gmail.com.

We look forward to receiving your contributions and welcoming you to Florence,

Thijs Etty & Josephine van Zeben, Editors-in-chief *TEL*