



CIGI invitation to Lecture by Dutch lawyer Roger Cox

Climate Change and Rule of Law: Could domestic public interest litigation contribute to enforcing international commitments?

The International Law Research Program (ILRP) at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) is proud to present a special lecture featuring leading Dutch lawyer Roger Cox, on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Toronto, Ontario.

- Event: “**Climate Change and Rule of Law: Could domestic public interest litigation contribute to enforcing international commitments?**” featuring Roger Cox and Canadian legal experts
- Date: Tuesday, September 15, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Location: Osgoode Hall Lamont Learning Centre, 130 Queen St. West, Toronto (east door facing City Hall – north of Queen)
- RSVP: <http://cox-cigi-ilrp-lecture.eventbrite.ca>

There is no charge for this event; however, an RSVP is required as space is limited.

Mr. Cox, lawyer for the *Urgenda* Foundation, designed and was the lead attorney for the suit by 900 Dutch citizens resulting in the Court of The Hague’s ground-breaking ruling in June 2015 that ordered the Netherlands to reduce the country’s carbon emissions 25% by 2020. Citizens in other European countries – party to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change – are commencing suits based on the *Urgenda* ruling.

Is this case relevant in the Canadian context?

Join us to hear Mr. Cox, in his first North American appearance, and Canadian legal experts including Hon. Stephen Goudge, Q.C., formerly Justice of the Ontario Court of Appeal, and Lorne Sossin, Dean and Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, discuss the possible role of Canadian judges in ordering governments to lower carbon emission and live up to international law commitments.

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For further information, please visit: <https://www.cigionline.org/events/climate-change-and-rule-of-law-could-domestic-public-interest-litigation-contribute-enforcing>.

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