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CLIMATE-CONSCIOUS LEGAL EDUCATION

Law Schools' Response to Climate Change

Full Paper Guidelines for Contributors

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About the Book

Climate-Conscious Legal Education examines how law schools can respond meaningfully to the climate crisis by integrating climate change across legal education. The volume adopts a normative and interdisciplinary approach to curriculum development and explores how climate law can be taught not as a niche elective, but as a core component of legal education.

The book draws on comparative insights, especially from the Netherlands and India, while also engaging broader international developments and global educational practices. It aims to provide law teachers, scholars, institutions, and policymakers with a practical and conceptual framework for preparing climate-conscious lawyers.

Target audience: Legal academics, researchers, law teachers, curriculum designers, policymakers, doctoral scholars, and institutions interested in climate-conscious legal education, curriculum reform, and interdisciplinary teaching.

Themes and Scope

- Climate change as a core concern of legal education.
- Integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to teaching climate law.
- Climate dimensions within core legal subjects, including contract law, tort law, corporate law, property law, international

Indicative Chapter Areas

- Introduction to climate-conscious legal education
- Preparation of climate-conscious lawyers
- Contract law and climate change
- Tort law and climate change
- Corporate law and climate change

law, administrative law, human rights law, criminal law, and international trade law.

- Comparative and jurisdictional insights, including India and the Netherlands.
- Teaching methodologies, classroom design, case studies, experiential learning, and curriculum innovation.

- Property law and climate change
- International law and climate law
- Administrative law and climate change
- Human rights law and climate change
- Criminal law and climate change
- International trade law and climate change
- The future of law schools and climate change

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Word limit	8,000 to 10,000 words, including footnotes
File format	Microsoft Word (.docx); Springer Nature chapter template recommended
Font and spacing	Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing; footnotes 10 pt, single spacing
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Review Process and Timeline

Milestone	Date
Full paper submission deadline	15 September 2026
Review feedback to authors	15 October 2026
Final revised paper submission	15 November 2026

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