

Global Law Scholars

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Overcoming Legal Barriers to Climate Change Solutions:
The Interrelated Roles of Activists,
International Organizations, Markets, and Central Banks

Part I: Climate Activists



Grassroots Approaches

"It remains an uphill battle among several countries, including the United States, to value public health risk prevention and environmental health over potential profit in the name of development. Indigenous people globally, particularly in North America, live in the regions most impacted by climate change."

Climate Migrants

"Neither a multilateral strategy nor a legal framework exist to account for climate change as a driver of migration. As gradually worsening climate patterns and, even more so, severe weather events, prompt an increase in human mobility, people who choose to move will do so with little legal protection. The current system of international law is not equipped to protect climate migrants, as there are no legally binding agreements obliging countries to support climate migrants."

People in Occupied Lands

"Palestinians are resisting the "NGO-industrial complex" in Palestine by building international solidarity movements and returning to traditional agricultural methods as a means of combating the occupation and adapting to climate change needs."

Religious Minorities

"To be maximally effective, the ethical imperatives for climate change action must be understood and supported by religious leadership in most of the world."

Womxn of Racial and Sexual Diversity

"Womxn are key actors in natural disaster response measures, but the experience of womxn in times of disaster varies with gender and sexual diversity."