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**New Pillars of Sustainability Law – Seminars Series**

**Friday 20 December 2024, 05:00 – 06:30 pm (CET), Online**

# **CLIMATE JUSTICE AND CORPORATE LIABILITY - THE SHELL CASE**

**Speakers:**

**[Elbert de Jong \(University of Utrecht\)](#)**

**[Raffaele Sabato \(European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg\)](#)**

**[Eva-Maria Kieninger \(University of Würzburg\)](#)**

**[Gerhard Wagner \(Humboldt University, Berlin\)](#)**

**[Chris Thomale \(University of Vienna and University of Roma Tre\)](#)**

**[Douglas Kysar \(Yale University\)](#)**

**Moderation:**

**[William Boyd \(University of California Los Angeles\)](#)**

**[Alberto De Franceschi \(University of Ferrara and KU Leuven\)](#)**

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[The full text of the Shell Case is available here](#)

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## **Programme**

**05:00 pm (CET) - Welcome Addresses and Framing Remarks**

*William Boyd (University of California Los Angeles)*

*Alberto De Franceschi (University of Ferrara and KU Leuven)*

**The Case *Milieudefensie et al. v. Royal Dutch Shell plc.*: Key Aspects of Dutch Law**

*Elbert de Jong (University of Utrecht)*

**The Shell Case and Corporate Liability from the Perspective of the European Court of Human Rights**

*Raffaele Sabato (European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg)*

**The Indirect Effect of Constitutional Law on Tortious Liability**

*Eva-Maria Kieninger (University of Würzburg)*

**A Tort Duty to Mitigate**

*Gerhard Wagner (Humboldt University, Berlin)*

**Causation**

*Chris Thomale (University of Vienna and University of Roma Tre)*

**Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Private Actors**

*Douglas Kysar (Yale University)*

**06:10 pm - Discussion**

**06:25 - Concluding Remarks**

*William Boyd (University of California Los Angeles)*

*Alberto De Franceschi (University of Ferrara and KU Leuven)*