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CALL FOR WORKSHOP

ENERGY JUSTICE IN THE EUROPEAN LAW OF TRANSITION

Introduction

The Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES) at the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and the University of Camerino (UNICAM) are pleased to announce a call for a workshop on Energy Justice in the European Law of Transition. This initiative is the first in a series of activities and will be opened by a workshop in Amsterdam on 10 December 2025.

The event will bring together distinguished scholars, policymakers and practitioners, as well as a select group of early-career researchers who were chosen through a call for papers. Leading European institutions will be represented by senior academics and experts who will contribute as keynote speakers and panel chairs, ensuring a high-level dialogue on the legal, institutional and contractual dimensions of Europe's energy transition.

Rationale and key questions

The European energy sector is increasingly being viewed as a laboratory for what scholars refer to as the "European Law of Transition": a legal framework that transcends sectoral regulation in order to address systemic challenges such as climate change, pandemics and geopolitical tensions. This approach aims to guide the redesign of Europe's energy system, embedding sustainability, solidarity and democratic participation into its governance.

Recent EU measures, including the Renewable Energy Directive, the Net-Zero Industry Act and the Affordable Energy Plan, aim to accelerate decarbonisation, strengthen security of supply and put citizens at the heart of the transition. This process requires rethinking classical legal concepts and integrating environmental conditionality, such as the "Do No Significant Harm" principle, while ensuring that new contractual, financial and governance models promote justice, inclusion and intergenerational equity.

This workshop invites reflection on how European law can ensure a just transition that balances climate goals with the protection of rights and social inclusion, and on which regulatory, financial and governance instruments could provide a coherent and resilient framework. It also invites consideration of how legal concepts such as contract, liability and private autonomy should be reinterpreted in light of climate imperatives and evolving energy markets.

Panels and thematic focus

The workshop will consist of three panels:

- 1 Energy, Rights and Justice. Legal Challenges in the European Clean Transition** will examine the constitutional and supranational implications of classifying energy sources, and the effects of this classification on markets, sovereignty and rights.
- 2 Shaping the Energy Transition: Regulation, Financing and Governance** will focus on financing mechanisms, the application of DNSH and multi-level governance models, including energy communities and public-private partnerships.
- 3 Rethinking Legal Concepts within the Framework of the European Law of Transition** will analyse emerging contractual models (PPAs, CfDs and EPCs) and evolving notions of liability and private autonomy in the green transition.

Call for contributions

We invite proposals that address the normative, institutional and contractual dimensions of the European Law of Transition. Contributions adopting conceptual, doctrinal or empirical approaches are welcome, particularly those addressing topics such as the interplay between EU energy policies and constitutional values; the coherence and legitimacy of energy classifications; the design and impact of green financing and investment tools; governance models that foster participation and cohesion; and the adaptation of classical legal concepts to the demands of the transition.

Submission and selection process

Interested scholars and early career-researchers are invited to submit an abstract in English (maximum 500 words), together with a short bio, to lucia.ruggeri@unicam.it, gianna.giardini@iusspavia.it, z.xhaferri@uva.nl mentioning "Application - Energy Justice in the European Law of Transition" in the email subject **by October 27th, 2025** before midnight.

Please, along with the abstract and short bio, include:
Surname and Name
E-mail Address
Institutional Affiliation

Successful applicants will be notified by e-mail by the end of October 2025. Subsequently, the workshop will be organised for selected candidates on 10 December 2025 in Amsterdam (online participation is considered exceptional).

Selected participants will also be invited to contribute to a planned special issue on *Energy Justice in the European Law of Transition*. Due to limited financial resources, only partial coverage of travel and accommodation costs can be made available for some participants.

Applicants may include a brief statement outlining their need for financial support.