

# The Third Annual J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Distinguished Lecture on Global Climate Change and Energy Law

"Integrating Obligations under International Environmental Law in the Regulation of International Maritime Transport Greenhouse Gas Emissions"

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Jacob Burns Moot Court Room

The George Washington University Law School Washington, D.C.



# Program

### INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

### Randall S. Abate

Assistant Dean for Environmental Law Studies, GW Law

# THE J.B. AND MAURICE C. SHAPIRO DISTINGUISHED LECTURE ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY LAW

### **Beatriz Martinez Romera**

Associate Professor, Faculty of Law of the University of Copenhagen, and Head of the Research Centre on Climate Change Law and Governance

# ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY LAW PROGRAM ALUMNI AND FRIENDS RECEPTION

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### ABOUT HAUSFELD

Hausfeld is a leading plaintiffs' side litigation law firm with offices across the U.S., UK, and continental Europe. Over the past decade, Hausfeld has secured landmark victories and recovered billions of dollars for its clients. The firm is particularly renowned for its pioneering work in environmental and climate change litigation. Hausfeld's practice focuses on holding corporations and governments accountable for environmental harm and advocating for those affected by the climate crisis. The firm has successfully represented public entities, communities, and nonprofit organizations in cases involving water contamination, natural resource damages, and the impacts of global warming. Known for its innovative legal strategies, Hausfeld navigates the complex intersections of environmental law, public policy, and international human rights to address critical global issues. The firm also collaborates with environmental NGOs, activists, and other stakeholders to drive systemic change and advance the global conversation on climate justice. Hausfeld's environmental practice is marked by its commitment to social justice and leadership in combating environmental harm on a global scale.



# **Beatriz Martinez Romera**

Dr. Beatriz Martinez Romera is an Associate Professor of Environmental and Climate Change Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Copenhagen and the Head of the Research Centre on Climate Change Law and Governance (CLIMA). She also serves as Co-Director of the Copenhagen Center for Disaster Research (COPE) at the University of Copenhagen. Dr. Martinez Romera specializes in international environmental law, climate change governance, and the legal dimensions of sustainable energy transitions. Her work focuses on the development of innovative regulatory frameworks to address complex environmental challenges.

Dr. Martinez Romera earned a PhD in law from the University of Copenhagen in 2015, and she holds an MSc in political science and government, an LLM in law from Universidad Complutense de Madrid, and a postgraduate certificate in education from Universidad CJC, Madrid. Her academic career is distinguished by extensive teaching roles, including coordinator for the Courses Group on International Law; lecturer for master's courses such as Climate Change and the Law, International Environmental Law, and International Energy Law and Sustainability, at various universities; and supervisor of PhD theses since 2018.

As a principal investigator (PI), Dr. Martinez Romera has successfully secured and led multiple high-impact research projects. In her role as PI, Dr. Martinez Romera has overseen projects funded by a diverse array of prestigious grants, including the Independent Research Fund Denmark for the Enhancing Climate Action through International Law (EnAct) project and the Carlsberg Foundation's International Law-Making: Actors in Shipping and Climate Change (InterAct) initiative. Her leadership extends to the coordination of the EU Jean Monnet three-year grant for the establishment of a course on Transatlantic Climate and Energy Law, showcasing her commitment to fostering academic and policy dialogue in this critical area. Currently, she partakes on the Specify and Protect the EU Social Contract (EXPRESS2) project, funded by the Horizon EU grant, focusing on the intersections of climate change, biodiversity, and social contracts. She is also the PI for the Regulatory Innovation to Incentivize Green Hydrogen (RIGHydro) project, funded by Innovation Fund Denmark, which explores regulatory frameworks to promote green hydrogen as a key component in the transition to sustainable energy.

In addition, Dr. Martinez Romera has been instrumental in founding a number of environmental research networks such as TRAMEREN, the Transatlantic Maritime Emissions Research Network, with NYU School of Law. She also leads the Climate Breakfast Seminar Series and the Interdisciplinary Seminar Series on Climate, Energy, and Sustainability, as well as the Climate Show Podcast, facilitating interdisciplinary engagement and public discourse on climate issues.

Her extensive publication record and over 200 presentations, chairing sessions, and keynote addresses at international conferences and UN climate negotiations reflect her prominent role in shaping discourse on climate and environmental law. Dr. Martinez Romera's work not only advances academic understanding but also informs policy and practice, making significant contributions to global and regional climate governance.



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Professor Arnold Reitze

Established in 2022, this annual, inaugural lecture celebrates the work and leadership of Professor Arnold Reitze, who founded GW Law's Environmental and Energy Law Program in 1970 and directed the program until his retirement in 2008. Professor Reitze is the author of seven books and more than 100 research studies and articles on environmental law. His most recent book

is Air Pollution Control and Climate Change Mitigation Law (2010). The lecture features globally recognized leaders to address pressing issues in climate change and energy law to inform and inspire the GW Law and greater campus community; the Washington, D.C., legal community; and the global community.

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