Classes at Vermont Law School Summer Session

Term 2

“Global Energy Law and Policy”

Tuesday 21 (8.30 – 12:00) - Wednesday 22 (9:00 – 12:30)

Welcome remarks and Introduction to the curse.

Introduction to Climate Change and the role of the Renewable Energy in the Energy Matrix

Introduction to climate change. The basics from the A to the Z

The consequences and “current stage” of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide.

The role of the energy in climate change.

How the international community has reacted.

North vs South. The big dilemma.

The United Nations Climate Change Convention (UNCCC).

The Paris Accord and the Intended National Contributions (INDCs).

The market role and the efficiency principle.

The “winners” and who the “losers”


Climate Change as an opportunity to innovation and sustainable development.

The role of energy in the low carbon economy.

Do not miss the opportunities in the path to net zero.

Case Study: Climate Risk & Response – Florida, USA

Guest Speaker: Tuesday 21 Maria Teresa Ruiz Tagle, Senior Advisor Climate Leadership Group, Santiago, Chile. “Climate Change and Private Sector”

Guest Speaker: Wednesday 22 Peter Sweatman, CEO Climate Strategies “Best approaches to engage private sector”
Thursday 23 (8:30 – 12:00)

**Climate Change and Renewable Energy in the World and Latin America**

Current state of Renewable energy in Latin America.
Public Policies dealing with the promotion of renewable energy.
Main drivers and barriers with renewable energy.
Low Carbon Economy and the role of Carbon Taxes (the case of Colombia, Mexico and Chile)
Taxing Energy.
World Energy Transitions.

*Guest speaker: Raul Ferro, Latin American Energy Summit Founder & CEO*

Monday 27 (8:30 – 12:00)

**Renewable Energy in Chile**

The case of Chile in renewable energy, an example to follow.
Currents trend and state of the market.
Main Barriers for the renewable energy development.
Public Policy. The role of the Government and the private sector.

*Guest: Javier Garcia, Former Chilean Delegate at the OECD - Energy and Former Director of the Centre of Renewable Energy Chile. “Renewable Energy Policy at the OECD”*

Tuesday 28 (9:00 – 12:30)

**Carbon Markets**

Carbon Trading: Design of a Cap and Trade System.
Carbon Trading vs Carbon Taxes.
Carbon Taxes: The case of Colombia, Mexico and Chile.
Current stage and the future of the carbon markets
Carbon Market (regulated).
Carbon Market (voluntary).
The Paris Accord and the Article 6 (Market Mechanisms).
Guest Speaker: **Carlos Finat**, Former Executive Director Chilean Association of Renewable Energy – ACERA. “Non Conventional Renewables in Chile, Challenges and Achievements”

**Wednesday 29 (9:00 – 12:30)**

**Climate Finance**

The role of climate finance in a low carbon economy.

Risks and Opportunities

The investors role.

Stranded Assets.

Current Trends.


**Thursday 30 (9:00 – 12:00)**

**Final Exam**

The course will be divided into groups, depending on the final number of students. Each group will be assigned a topic to explore on the renewable energy policies and technologies under development. Each group will have 20-30 minutes to present the case followed by 10 minutes for Q&A.

**Conclusions and further discussion**