Call for Participants by Afronomicslaw and Sustainable Global Economic Law: Green Deals and Justice

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Background

Climate change and the devastation it leaves and will yet leave in its wake compels urgent, ambitious, global, and sector-wide interventions. For now, the European Green Deal (EGD) represents one of the most comprehensive climate plans involving the greatest number of countries globally. Through the EGD, the EU aims to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by at least 55% by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2050. The delivery of the EGD relies on a suite of regulations and directives covering subjects including effort sharing; inclusion of GHG emissions from land use, land use change and forestry; sustainable food systems; renewable energy and energy efficiency; energy tax;

and carbon border adjustment. The EGD also includes a just transition mechanism and the social climate fund.

The EGD is representative of a new generation of climate response measures which are expansive in coverage, directly engage non-state entities, include social justice mechanisms, and with extensive trans-boundary implications. We describe these expansive society-wide transition policies as ‘Green Deals’. They range from broadly scoped suite of policies like the EGD to narrower interventions like the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act. Green Deals are at a scale reminiscent of the American ‘New Deal’ of the 1930s. This symposium aims at critically interrogating the justice implications of Green Deals. What are their distributive consequences along Global South/North and core/periphery divides? How do they affect historically marginalized communities and individuals along race, gender, class, disability, and other identity markers? Who are the winners and losers? How is justice conceptualized and embedded in Green Deals? What vision of justice should such policies aim for?

The symposium brings together diverse perspectives and voices on justice and climate change to articulate a vision for just and effective climate policies using the EGD as a case study. The symposium will be published on the Afronomicslaw.org and the Sustainable Global Environmental Law (University of Amsterdam) websites.

Download the Complete Call for Paper here.

Interested participants should send an email notification about their intention to submit a contribution by **January 23, 2023**. Please send us 500 words on how you’d like to contribute. Participants are encouraged to submit their written contributions before April 3rd, 2023, for early consideration. Contributors will be notified of the decision of reviewers by April 15, 2023, and articles will be published at the end of April 2023. Contributors may also be invited to participate in an online roundtable on Climate Justice and Green Deals in May 2023, and explore publishing extended versions of their submissions in a special issue of the African Journal of International Economic Law.

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