Call for contributions
for a blog symposium and journal special issue on
“Comparative Climate Litigation in North-South Perspective”

We invite you to send us your blogposts for a joint blog symposium to be published on Verfassungsblog and on Völkerrechtsblog. Selected contributions may also be developed into full articles for a special issue of the journal World Comparative Law (WCL).

The symposium aims to compare topical and specific aspects of climate litigation with a particular focus on the Global South. Which strategies have proven successful in litigating for climate justice? What lessons can we learn from the numerous and innovative judgments on climate change in the Global South? And what is the role of comparative law in climate litigation more generally? We are particularly interested in contributions that:

- compare climate litigation in several jurisdictions in the Global South, or between North and South, taking into account different political, socio-economic, ecological and cultural contexts
- study processes and patterns of legal transplantation, migration and reception across jurisdictions in the context of climate litigation, or the lack thereof
- comparatively investigate the implementation of climate-related judgements
- adopt bottom-up perspectives on litigation from the perspective of marginalized and subaltern groups
- compare the domestic impacts of international climate law on national and transnational climate litigation
- compare private, public, and criminal law enforcement mechanisms of climate protection
- shed light on theoretical foundations and methodological avenues for North-South perspectives in the realm of climate litigation

Process and timeline:

- Please send a 100-word abstract of your intended contribution to mb@verfassungsblog.de by 15 November 2021
- Selected authors will be notified by 1 December 2021
- Blogposts of up to 2000 words will be due by 15 December 2021
- After review and editing by the blog teams, the blogposts will be published in a joint symposium on Verfassungsblog and Völkerrechtsblog in February 2022
- Selected authors will be invited to develop their blogposts into full journal articles for a special issue of World Comparative Law. Manuscripts of up to 10,000 words will be due on 1 June 2022
- After peer review, the selected articles will be published either in issue 03/22 or 04/22 of World Comparative Law