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Nordic Workshop

Whither the Nation State?

The Changing Role of the State in Climate Change Mitigation Governance

22-23 May 2019 – Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Oslo, Norway

Workshop Programme

Day 1

09.00-09.15 **Welcome and opening of the workshop**

***Tor Håkon Jackson Inderberg**, Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute; and **Harro van Asselt**, Professor of Climate Law and Policy, University of Eastern Finland Law School; Associate, Stockholm Environment Institute*

09.15-10.00 **Keynote**

The role of the green state in societal transformations to fossil free society and sustainability transitions

***Karin Bäckstrand**, Professor in Environmental Social Science, Stockholm University*

10.00-10.45 **Keynote**

The climate state

***Peter Christoff**, Associate Professor, University of Melbourne; Visiting Research Fellow, Lund University*

10.45-11.15 **Break**

11.15-12.45 **Session 1: The state and international climate cooperation after Paris**

*Chair: **Harro van Asselt**, Professor of Climate Law and Policy, University of Eastern Finland Law School; Associate, Stockholm Environment Institute*

1) Science as a fragile bridge over troubled waters? The role of the IPCC in bridging the ambition gap in the Paris Agreement

*Presenters: **Erlend Hermansen**, Senior Researcher; and **Bård Lahn**, Researcher, CICERO*

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*Discussant: **Christina Voigt**, Professor of Public and International Law, University of Oslo*

2) Does institutional proliferation undermine cooperation? Evidence from climate change

*Presenter: **Sam Rowan**, Postdoctoral Researcher, Nuffield College, University of Oxford*

*Discussant: **Oscar Widerberg**, Assistant Professor, Institute for Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*

3) Calling in the heavyweights: Why the World Bank established the Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition and what it might achieve

*Presenter: **Lars Gulbrandsen**, Deputy Director and Research Professor, Fridtjof Nansen Institute*

*Discussant: **Yitagesu Tekle Tegegne**, Researcher, European Forest Institute*

12.45-13.45 **Lunch**

13.45-15.15 **Session 2: The state and subnational and non-state climate action**

*Chair: **Karin Bäckstrand**, Professor in Environmental Social Science, Stockholm University*

1) Better together? Exploring why Swedish municipalities join cooperative initiatives

*Presenter: **Oscar Widerberg**, Assistant Professor, Institute for Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*

*Discussant: **Sara Kymenvaara**, PhD Candidate, University of Eastern Finland Law School*

2) What sticks? Ephemerality, permanence and urban transformation pathways

*Presenters: **Jakob Grandin**, PhD Fellow and **Siddharth Sareen**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Climate and Energy Transformation, University of Bergen*

*Discussant: **Torbjørn Jevnaker**, Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute*

3) Human rights invoked to challenge governmental acts and omissions to mitigate climate change – a double-edged sword?

*Presenter: **Agnes Lindberg**, PhD Fellow, University of Cambridge*

*Discussant: **Mikko Rajavuori**, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Eastern Finland Law School*

15.15-15.45 **Break**

15.45-16.45 **Session 3: Nation states and EU climate and energy governance**

*Chair: **Tor Håkon Jackson Inderberg**, Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute*

1) The return of nation-states in EU transition policy? The making of the Clean Energy Package

*Presenters: **Per Ove Eikeland**, Senior Research Fellow; **Torbjørn Jevnaker**, Research Fellow; and **Jon Birger Skjærseth**, Research Professor, Fridtjof Nansen Institute*

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*Discussant: **Jakob Grandin**, PhD Fellow, Centre for Climate and Energy Transformation, University of Bergen*

2) Mitigation by stealth? The paradox of salience, EU reduction targets, and the EU Emissions Trading System

*Presenter: **Brendan Moore**, Senior Research Associate, University of East Anglia*

*Discussant: **Lars Gulbrandsen**, Deputy Director and Research Professor, Fridtjof Nansen Institute*

16.45-17.45 **Session 4: Polycentric governance of forest carbon sinks**

*Chair: **Lars Gulbrandsen**, Deputy Director and Research Professor, Fridtjof Nansen Institute*

1) Bridge builders: The protection of forests as an example of polycentric governance

*Presenter: **Christina Voigt**, Professor of Public and International Law, University of Oslo*

*Discussant: **Larissa Basso**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Stockholm University*

2) Advancing the role and impact of non-state actors in formulation and implementation of forest policies in Cameroon

*Presenter: **Yitagesu Tekle Tegegne**, Researcher, European Forest Institute*

*Discussant: **Erlend Hermansen**, Senior Researcher; and **Bård Lahn**, Researcher, CICERO*

19.00-21.00 **Dinner, Sentralen Restaurant**

Day 2

09.00-09.45 **Keynote**

National governance: The state's role in steering polycentric action

***Michal Nachmany**, Policy Officer, Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science*

09.45-10.45 **Session 5: Climate Change Acts**

*Chair: **Torbjørn Jevnaker**, Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute*

1) The role of the Finnish Climate Act and fiscal policy in the transition to low-emission mobility

*Presenter: **Sara Kymenvaara**, PhD Candidate, University of Eastern Finland Law School*

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Discussant: **Agnes Lindberg**, PhD Fellow, University of Cambridge

2) Climate Change Acts as diffusing governance innovations: adoption and implications of the UK model in Finland and Norway

Presenter: **Tor Håkon Jackson Inderberg**, Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute

Discussant: **Brendan Moore**, Senior Research Associate, University of East Anglia

10.45-11.00 **Break**

11.00-12.00 **Session 6: The state and climate governance in the global South**

Chair: **Erlend Hermansen**, Senior Researcher, CICERO

1) Brazilian energy-related climate (in)action and the challenge of decarbonization

Presenter: **Larissa Basso**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Stockholm University

Discussant: **Sam Rowan**, Postdoctoral Researcher, Nuffield College, University of Oxford

2) The green entrepreneurial state: Law, China and beyond

Presenter: **Mikko Rajavuori**, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Eastern Finland Law School

Discussant: **Siddharth Sareen**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Climate and Energy Transformation, University of Bergen

12.00-12.15 **Closing and follow-up**

12.15-13.15 **Lunch**

14.30-16.00 **Roundtable: Climate Change Acts: A Tool for Strengthening Climate Ambition?**

The roundtable is organised in collaboration with the EU-funded Jean Monnet Network GOVTRAN (Governing the EU's Climate and Energy Transition in Turbulent Times). It aims to share experiences of and research on Climate Change Acts in a panel format, followed by plenary discussion.

Moderator:

Tor Håkon Jackson Inderberg, Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute;

Panelists:

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