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Speaker Biographies

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■ **Carmine Di Noia, Director** was appointed Director of the OECD's Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs in February 2022, where he leads the OECD's standard setting and policy work on [corporate governance](#), [anti-corruption](#), [responsible business conduct](#), [competition](#), [financial education](#) and [consumer protection](#), [capital and financial markets](#), [investment](#), [pensions](#), [insurance](#), [public debt management](#), [financial markets](#) and [blockchain](#). He brings over 30 years of experience in the area of Financial Markets and Enterprise Affairs. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Di Noia was Commissioner for the Italian Securities and Exchange Commission (CONSOB) and Deputy Director General at ASSONIME (the Association of Italian Corporations). An Italian national, he holds a Doctorate Degree in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania and a Doctorate Degree in Economic Theory and Institutions from the Università di Roma Tor Vergata. He is also a full Professor of Financial Markets and Banking, at the Business School of Luiss University, in Rome.



■ **Lauge Poulsen** is Professor of International Relations & Law and Deputy Head of the School of Public Policy, University College London. Poulsen is co-chair of OECD's inter-governmental work programme on investment treaties. He serves as specialist adviser to the House of Commons' International Trade Committee and leads Whitehall's advanced trade policy training programme. Poulsen was adviser to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from 2017 to 2020 and he received an OBE for services to UK trade policy in 2022. Before joining UCL, Poulsen was a postdoctoral fellow at Nuffield College, University of Oxford, and he has been a visiting scholar at the Brookings Institution's Economic Studies Division and Melbourne Law School.



■ **Emiliya Mychasuk** is the FT's inaugural climate editor. She was previously based in New York as the US online news editor and executive editor for the FT, responsible for the FT.com editorial operation in the Americas. Before moving to the US in 2010, Mychasuk was based in London and edited the FT's People diary column, after serving as deputy UK companies editor and deputy editor of FT.com. Prior to joining the FT, Mychasuk was a senior business writer for the Sydney Morning Herald, where she edited the CBD diary column and worked as investment editor. She also co-hosted a weekly national television business program in Australia.



■ **Mr. R.H.J. Roger Cox** is author, climate expert and lawyer at the Maastricht law firm Paulussen Advocaten. His book "Revolution Justified" was the basis for several successes in national and international climate cases in which he is involved. Roger represented the Urgenda Foundation in the lawsuit against the State of the Netherlands in which on 24 June 2015, a verdict was handed down by the court, ordering the Dutch state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 25% by 2020. In addition, Roger is closely involved in the Belgian NGO "Klimaatzaak" which, together with more than 10,000 Belgian co-plaintiffs, won a climate case against the Belgian government in June 2021.

Together with Milieudéfensie, Roger is working on a case against Shell, in which Shell is held accountable for its contribution to the climate problem and its legal obligation to take measures to limit climate damage. This case was won in the first instance by Milieudéfensie.

In addition to his climate and energy practice, Roger is head of the real estate, area development and infrastructure practice group at Paulussen Advocaten. He is also founder of the Planet Prosperity Foundation, through which he has been advocating sustainable development and in particular the circular economy for years.

In 2021 Roger was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time Magazine. In 2022 he received the Dresden International Peace Prize. His work is considered groundbreaking worldwide.



■ **Philippe Sands** QC is Professor of Law at University College London and Samuel & Judith Pisar Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard. He is a practising barrister at Matrix Chambers, appears frequently as counsel before the International Court of Justice and other international courts and tribunals, and sits as an international arbitrator. He is author of *Lawless World* (2005) and *Torture Team* (2008) and numerous academic books on international law, and has contributed to the *New York Review of Books*, *Vanity Fair*, the *Financial Times*, *The Guardian* and the *New York Times*.

His latest books are *East West Street: On the Origins of Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide* (2016) (awarded the 2016 Baillie Gifford Prize, the 2017 British Book Awards Non-Fiction Book of the Year, and the 2018 Prix Montaigne) and *The Ratline: Love, Lies and Justice on the Trail of a Nazi Fugitive* (2020), also available as BBC and France

Culture podcasts. His next book, *The Last Colony: A Tale of Exile, Justice and Britain's Colonial Legacy*, will be published later this year.

Philippe is President of English PEN and a member of the Board of the Hay Festival of Arts and Literature. (Photo rights Christian André Strand).



■ **Jessica F. Green** is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Toronto, and is cross-appointed at the School of Environment. She has previously held positions at Case Western University (in Cleveland, OH) and New York University (in NYC). Green's research occurs at the intersection of political science, public policy and environmental studies. She focuses on the politics of decarbonization, transnational private regulation, the interactions between public and private regulation. Her book, *Rethinking Private Authority: Agents and Entrepreneurs in Global Environmental Governance*, was published by Princeton University Press (2014), and received best book awards from the International Studies Association, the American Political Science Association, and the International Political Science Association. In 2017, she received the Emerging

Young Scholar Award from APSA's Science Technology and Environmental Policy Section. Her work has appeared in *Nature*, *Nature Climate Change*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *International Organization*, among others. She blogs regularly for the *Washington Post* and has published in outlets including *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Jacobin*, and *The Toronto Star*.



■ **Butch Bacani** leads UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) Principles for Sustainable Insurance Initiative (PSI), the largest collaboration between the UN and the insurance industry. Endorsed by the UN Secretary-General and insurance industry CEOs. He leads initiatives that contribute to achieving the Paris Climate Agreement, UN Convention on Biological Diversity, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These include creating the Net-Zero Insurance Alliance, supporting the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ), convening the world's leading insurers to pilot the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), championing nature-positive insurance, developing "Insurance SDGs", creating a Sustainable Insurance Facility

with V20 finance ministers for the most climate-vulnerable countries, and working with the California Insurance Commissioner to develop the world's first sustainable insurance roadmap. He co-led the development of the first global sustainability guide for the insurance business, the creation of the UN-convened Sustainable Insurance Forum for regulators and supervisors, and forged the PSI's partnership with the world's inclusive insurance community. Butch was part of InsuranceERM's inaugural list of the most influential people leading and shaping the insurance industry's response to climate change. Butch has authored pioneering studies on sustainable insurance and responsible investment. Prior to the UN, he was in the insurance industry for over a decade. Butch is also involved in the InsuResilience Global Partnership, Insurance Development Forum, California Climate Insurance Working Group, Microinsurance Network, and World Benchmarking Alliance.



■ **Philipp Censkowsky** is a researcher and consultant at Perspectives Climate Group, an internationally renowned advisory company in the field of climate policy, and a PhD candidate at HEC Lausanne, Switzerland. He has a background in research and public sector advisory from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and the German Development Corporation (GIZ) focussing on the implications of absolute planetary limits for climate policy decision making in the multilateral as well as the financial system. His main focus of work at Perspectives is the alignment of public finance institutions with the Paris Agreement and UNFCCC negotiation support on climate finance. Philipp is a member of the Think 7 Task Force on Climate and Environment.



■ **David Gaukrodger** leads OECD policy analysis on investment treaties and works with OECD, G20 and other governments. His current work addresses the Future of investment treaties with a focus on investment treaties and climate change. He worked earlier on the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention. He also helped design a G20-mandated peer review system to evaluate compliance with international standards for the exchange of tax-related information. David was previously a Special Counsel with Sullivan & Cromwell LLP. He graduated from Sciences Po Paris with a "mention lauréat" and obtained law degrees with distinction from the University of Toronto and the Université de Paris I. He was a law clerk for Justice Gerard La Forest at the Supreme Court of Canada.



■ **Federico Orfino** is Professor of International Economic Law, and Associate Director of Centre for International Governance and Dispute Resolution (CIGAD) at The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London. He is a member of the ILA Committee on the Rule of Law and International Investment Law; founding Committee Member (and former co-Treasurer) of the Society of International Economic Law; consultative member of the Investment Treaty Forum; one of the general editors of the International Trade and Investment Law Series with Hart Publishing; editorial board member of the Journal of International Economic Law, Journal of International Dispute Settlement and Journal of World Investment and Trade. He has been involved as expert in projects with UNCTAD, ITC, OECD, IISD, and WEF. He is a Consultant to Clifford Chance.



■ **Anne van Aaken (Dr. iur. and MA Economics)** is Alexander von Humboldt Professor for Law and Economics, Legal Theory, Public International Law and European Law and Director of the Institute of Law and Economics, University of Hamburg. She was Vice-President of the European Society of International Law and is Chair of the European University Institute Research Council. She is a general editor of the Journal of International Dispute Settlement and a member of the editorial boards of the American Journal of International Law, the Journal of International Economic Law and International Theory. She has been a guest professor in Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the USA. She has been an expert consultant for the IBRD, UNCTAD, GIZ and is currently part of an expert group for the High Level Advisory Board for effective multilateral governance of the UN Secretary General. Her research focuses on international economic law, international governance and behavioral economics.



■ **Joshua Paine** is a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Bristol. His research focuses on international economic law (primarily investment law) and international dispute settlement and has been published in leading peer-reviewed journals and several edited volumes. His most recent academic article is 'Autonomy to Set the Level of Regulatory Protection in International Investment Law' International & Comparative Law Quarterly (2021). He serves as an Associate Editor of the Journal of World Investment & Trade.



■ **Suzy Nikièma** is Lead, Sustainable Investment for the Economic Law and Policy Program (ELP) at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), and ELP's regional coordinator in Africa. She provides legal and policy advice, as well as technical assistance on sustainable investment to developing country governments, with respect to the negotiation, implementation, and drafting of investment treaties and treaty templates, and has published widely on the subject. She has assisted countries in designing their domestic investment laws. Suzy Nikièma has also led a number of training sessions on mining issues in Africa on behalf of the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF). Suzy is the Editor-in-Chief of the French edition of Investment Treaty News (ITN). She is a lecturer on investment law and mining law at the University Saint Thomas d'Aquin (USTA) and University Aube Nouvelle (U-AUBEN), both in Burkina Faso.



■ **Andrew Prag** is currently a Senior Advisor in the OECD Environment Directorate and has more than 15 years' experience across the energy and environment fields. He is currently coordinating a major cross-OECD project on integrating climate and economic resilience, and has previously been Head of the Environment and Climate Change Unit at the International Energy Agency (IEA). He has led diverse research projects related to energy, climate change, trade and waste policy, and has been closely involved with the UN climate change negotiations (UNFCCC) and the G20 process. Prior to the OECD, Andrew's early career was in the private sector where he was a principal consultant for Camco Clean Energy, developing renewable energy and carbon credit projects and previously held a variety of roles in the energy sector, including downstream production management with Royal Dutch Shell. He holds an MSc in environmental technology from Imperial College, London, and an MA in natural sciences from Cambridge University, UK.



■ **Ana Novik** as Head of the Investment Division of the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, supports the Director in DAF's contribution to the strategic orientations of the Secretary General, with a focus on improving the international investment climate, promoting good domestic policies to support investment and Responsible Business Conduct. She establishes strategies for the OECD to secure a leadership role in the international investment debate and to advance a more structured economic analysis of investment flows and impact. She also contributes to OECD-wide initiatives, including horizontal work streams on competitive neutrality, global value chains and OECD contributions to the G20. Prior to joining the OECD, Ms. Novik was the Ambassador Director of Multilateral Economic Affairs in the Economics Directorate of Chile's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade from 2011 to 2014.

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