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**Venue:** Webinar  
**Date:** April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00 am CDT - 3:00 pm GMT

**THE ENERGY TRANSITION IN A CLIMATE CONSTRAINED WORLD.  
AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH IN GLOBAL ENERGY LAW AND POLICY  
ISSUES?**

- 9:00 am Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Victor Flatt (University of Houston).
- 9:15 am *The Energy Transition in European and Comparative Law: Towards a New Shift and a Democratic Perspective* – Moderator – Alfonso Lopez de la Osa Escribano (University of Houston).
- 9:20 am Aubin Nzaou (University of Houston), *Recent Developments in Energy Transition Law and Policy.*
- 9:35 am Leslie-Anne Duvic-Paoli (King's College London), *Energy Policy in Citizens' Climate Assemblies.*
- 9:50 am Louis de Fontenelle (University of Pau), *Energy Communities in the European Union.*
- 10:05 am Bernadette Le Baut-Ferrarese (University of Lyon), *Europeanisation of the Development of Renewable Energy in Transition.*
- 10:20 am Discussion with attendees with short recess.
- 10:35 am *The Energy Transition as an Integrative Approach in Global Law and Economic Policy* – Moderator – Victor Flatt (University of Houston).
- 10:40 am Raphael J. Heffron (University of Dundee), *Finance and Risk Policy for The Just Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy.*
- 11:55 am Rafael Leal-Arcas (Queen Mary University of London), *A Sustainable and Prosperous Future: The Role of Climate Clubs and International Trade.*
- 11:10 am Tade Oyewumni (Vermont Law School), *Decarbonization Options for Gas and Electricity Systems: Power-to-Gas and Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage.*
- 11:25 am Luis Serra (Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey), *Incorporation of DMDU decision-making under deep uncertainty) Framework into Energy Policy.*
- 11:40 am Discussion with attendees.



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- 11:50 pm      **Talk - COVID-19 provides Warning about the Transition from Fossil Fuels**
- Ramanan Krishnamorti (**University of Houston – UH Energy**), Victor B. Flatt, Aubin Nzaou and Alfonso Lopez de la Osa Escribano (**University of Houston Law Center**).
- 12:15 pm      **Conclusive Remarks - Alfonso Lopez de la Osa Escribano (University of Houston Law Center).**





# BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS



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Louis de Fontenelle is associate Professor at the University of Pau. After having spent one year in the company Terega, SNAM subsidiary and major participant in gas transportation and storage in France and in Europe, Louis joined the “Pau droit public” research team. A significant part of his work is addressed to the energy transition. Louis currently co-leads the research program dedicated to “energy law”. He is the director of the multi-stakeholder Chair E2S-UPPA “MOVE” which aims to study, from a legal point of view, sustainable mobility. He is also the scientific director of the website “Energie en Lumière” and the chairman of the Consortium “Pau droit énergie” which is a socio-economic, academic, industrial and public network, including notably the University of Laval (Canada), the University of Kelh (Germany), EDF, ENEDIS, GRDF, Terega and public authorities. He is the author of numerous papers interesting the energy law and contributes to the implementation of various collaborative research projects in links with industry (“GEFISS”, Expanded governance for subsurface engineering industries in the energy transition perspective, started in July 2018 ; RAISE 2024, new advanced rechargeable battery systems using solid electrolyte technology for the electric vehicle and the storage of renewable energies sectors).



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Leslie-Anne is particularly interested in understanding the nature and content of environmental principles: her monograph, entitled *The Prevention Principle in International Environmental Law*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2018. Leslie-Anne's research also looks at the global legal democratic implications of the energy transition to a low-carbon economy and the role of participatory mechanisms in the design of inclusive energy systems.



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Professor Flatt is a recognized expert on environmental law, climate law, and energy law. His research focuses on environmental legislation and enforcement, with particular expertise in the Clean Air Act and NEPA. He is co-author of a popular environmental law casebook, and has authored more than 50 law review articles, which have appeared in journals such as the Notre Dame Law Review, Ecology Law Quarterly, Washington Law Review, Houston Law Review and the Carolina Law Review. Seven of his articles have been recognized as finalists or winner of the best environmental law review article of the year, and one was recognized by Vanderbilt University Law School and the Environmental Law Institute as one of the three best environmental articles of 2010, leading to a seminar and panel on the article in a Congressional staff briefing.



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Raphael Heffron is Professor for Global Energy Law & Sustainability at the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy at the University of Dundee. He as of July 2019 is a Jean Monnet Professor in the Just Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy awarded by the European Commission. Professor Heffron is a qualified Barrister-at-Law, and a graduate of both Oxford (MSc) and Cambridge (MPhil & PhD). His work all has a principal focus on achieving a just transition to a low-carbon economy, and combines a mix of energy law, policy and economics. He has published over 130 publications of different types and is one the most cited scholars in his field worldwide. Professor Heffron has given just over 100 keynote or guest lectures in 39 countries worldwide.

Raphael was elected to the Royal Society of Edinburgh Young Academy of Scotland in 2018. His research and teaching has been recognised by the award of a Jean Monnet Professorship by the European Commission twice in 2016 (-2019) and 2019 (-2022). His teaching has also been recognised in the UK by becoming a Senior Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy in 2018. In addition, Raphael is a Fellow of The Royal Society of Arts.



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Rafael Leal-Arcas is Professor of European and International Economic Law, a Jean Monnet Chair holder (awarded by the European Commission), and former Director of Research at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies of Queen Mary University of London. Dr Leal-Arcas's research is funded by the EU Commission's Horizon 2020 program, most notably a grant of EUR14 million as part of a consortium of 21 institutions to work on renewable energy and smart grids.

Rafael is the author of the books [\*Solutions for sustainability: How the international trade, energy and climate change regimes can help\*](#) (Springer, 2019), [\*EU Trade Law\*](#) (Edward Elgar, 2019), [\*Energy Security, Trade and the EU: Regional and International Perspectives\*](#) (Edward Elgar, 2016), [\*The European Energy Union: The quest for secure, affordable and sustainable energy\*](#) (Claeys & Casteels Publishing, 2016), [\*International Energy Governance: Selected Legal Issues\*](#) (Edward Elgar, 2014), [\*Climate Change and International Trade\*](#) (Edward Elgar, 2013), [\*International Trade and Investment Law: Multilateral, Regional and Bilateral Governance\*](#) (Edward Elgar, 2010) and [\*Theory and Practice of EC External Trade Law and Policy\*](#) (Cameron May, 2008) and the editor or co-editor of the [\*Commentary on the Energy Charter Treaty\*](#) (Edward Elgar, 2018), [\*University Initiatives in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation\*](#) (Springer, 2018), [\*Research Handbook on EU energy law and policy\*](#) (Edward Elgar, 2017).

He has served in the Sustainable Energy for All Secretariat (Washington, DC), the Energy Community Secretariat, the Energy Charter Secretariat, the World Trade Organization, and several EU institutions (EU Commission, EU Parliament, EU Council, EU Court of Justice). He is the author of more than 180 scholarly publications on international trade and WTO law, climate change law, energy governance, EU law, international investment law and the interaction among them in American and European law reviews such as the *Columbia Journal of European Law*, *Georgetown Environmental Law Review*, *University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law*, *The George Washington International Law Review*, *Fordham International Law Journal*, *Chicago Journal of International Law*, *Legal Issues of Economic Integration*, *European Foreign Affairs Review*, and *Journal of World Energy Law and Business* (Oxford University Press).



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He got his Law Degree and Master in European Union Law by the University Complutense of Madrid. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, in France, following his Doctoral Diploma on *Droit public comparé des Etats Européens* (Public Comparative Law in European countries) by this same University.

His thesis versed on a comparative study of public liability legal systems, and how they were converging, affecting specifically hospitals in France and Spain. He received *Magna Cum Laudae*. During his doctoral studies he worked for two years as a Parliamentary Assistant on Public Law matters (on the Telecommunications European Commission Package) to a Member of the European Parliament in Brussels.

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