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WEBINAR SERIES ON THE LAW OF BORDERS

ABOUT THE THIS WEBINAR SERIES

This webinar series has been designed to initiate discussion and pave the way to a major national [conference on "The Law of Borders"](#) to be held in Ottawa from October 25–27, 2023. The series aim to enrich the participants' knowledge of the subjects that will be component parts of the larger issues examined at the conference.

Who should attend?

This program is open to all members of the legal community, including the judiciary, tribunal community, practitioners, law professors and students, and to everyone interested in issues related to borders and mobility.

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (Overviews and speakers on the following pages)

1st Webinar | June 21, 2023

[Questing for Parentage: Surrogacy Across Borders](#) ([Archived Video](#))

2nd Webinar | August 22, 2023

[Accountability and Regulation of Canadian Resource Extraction Corporations Abroad](#)

3rd Webinar | Date to be confirmed

[Resource Extraction on Indigenous Land](#)

4th Webinar | Date to be confirmed

[Enforcing International Agreements on Climate Change](#)

REGISTRATION: <https://ciaj-icaj.ca/en/upcoming-programs/webinar-series-law-of-borders>

PRICE: CIAJ Members: \$0 (registration is mandatory) / Non-Members: \$45 per webinar

LANGUAGE: In English, with simultaneous interpretation

DURATION: 90 minutes per webinar

Registration is open until noon (Eastern Time) the day prior to each webinar.

Note: A link to the webinar platform will be sent by email 24–48 hours prior to the event. It is recommended to test the platform beforehand. Group members should register individually at the rate of \$45 per person.

START TIME ACCORDING TO DIFFERENT TIME ZONES IN CANADA

PT: 12:30 pm MT: 1:30 pm CT: 2:30 pm ET: 3:30 pm AT: 4:30 pm NT: 5:00 pm

QUESTING FOR PARENTAGE: SURROGACY ACROSS BORDERS

1st Webinar: June 21, 2023 ([Archived Video](#))

In English, with simultaneous interpretation

Surrogacy has become a popular option for couples or individuals to become parents when they cannot conceive a child. While surrogacy offers the hope of parenthood to a wide diversity of people, it also raises complex legal and ethical issues, particularly when arrangements cross national or international borders.

Because each province has jurisdiction over surrogacy, the rules may vary from one place to another within Canada. The federal *Assisted Human Reproduction Act* also regulates surrogacy, notably prohibiting compensation for a surrogate beyond reimbursement for reasonable expenses. Despite the overlapping and varying set of laws, many people from outside the country arrange surrogacy agreements in Canada.

This webinar explores the ethical considerations, challenges, and complexities of cross-border surrogacy. The panellists will discuss the legal implications for intended parents, surrogates, and the children born through surrogacy, and examine potential gaps in the laws and regulations related to it.

Join us for an engaging discussion and learn from our experts to develop a comprehensive understanding of the complex issues surrounding surrogacy across borders.

Moderator

- [Angela Campbell](#), Full Professor & Associate Provost (Equity & Academic Policies), McGill University Faculty of Law

Speakers

- [Stefanie Carsley](#), Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law – Common Law Section, University of Ottawa
- [Vanessa Gruben](#), Associate Professor, Faculty of Law – Common Law Section, University of Ottawa
- [Erin Nielson](#), Professor, Fellow and Member of the Advisory Board, Health Law Institute, Faculty of Law, University of Alberta

ACCOUNTABILITY AND REGULATION OF CANADIAN RESOURCE EXTRACTION CORPORATIONS ABROAD

2nd Webinar: August 22, 2023

In English, with simultaneous interpretation

Claims against Canadian resource extraction corporations for harms committed abroad is an enduring issue. Claimants face many difficulties in bringing their case to justice, from the complex corporate structures of the corporations involved, to determining the applicable legal regimes and forum, as well as the disparity in resources between parties. The stakes in these cases are high, often involving allegations of serious human right violations and environmental damage. This webinar aims to shed light on the challenges associated with regulating and holding corporations accountable for their actions abroad.

The session will provide an in-depth analysis of the regulatory framework governing Canadian corporations' activities outside of Canada, including the measures in place to ensure their accountability for human rights violations, environmental damage, and other social impacts.

The panelists will also discuss the role of international human rights law and share their perspectives on the challenges and risks associated with engaging in high-risk activities in developing countries.

The session will be moderated by an expert in the field. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session with the panellists and gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of regulating and holding Canadian resource extraction corporations accountable for their actions abroad, as well as the potential for responsible and sustainable corporate behavior.

Moderator

- [Matt Eisenbrandt](#), Director of Transnational Investigations, Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogeran LLP

Speakers

- [Sara Ghebremusse](#), Assistant Professor and Cassels Brock Chair in Mining Law and Finance, Faculty of Law, Western University
- [Shin Imai](#), Professor Emeritus, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

RESOURCE EXTRACTION ON INDIGENOUS LAND

3rd Webinar: Date to be confirmed

In English, with simultaneous interpretation

This webinar explores the theme of resource extraction within the context of Indigenous lands.

Throughout history, the exploitation of natural resources has been closely intertwined with Indigenous communities and their ancestral territories. From issues of the Crown's duty to consult, to the very question of Indigenous jurisdiction over traditional lands, resource extraction implicates borders, as it raises the question of who can extract and who can consent to have such work done on the lands. Furthermore, it raises the question of how to achieve sustainable resource development.

By engaging with these topics, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of the complexities inherent in resource extraction on Indigenous lands and help set the table for the future.

Moderator & Speakers TBC

ENFORCING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

4th Webinar: Date to be confirmed

In English, with simultaneous interpretation

The wildfires sweeping through Quebec, Alberta, British Columbia, and other Canadian provinces in the summer of 2023 raise important questions on climate change and Canada's role in confronting it.

This webinar explores how international instruments on climate change are enforced through domestic Canadian law. In particular, how does Canada stand relative to other countries on the *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*. It also takes a look at the complexities of enforcing environmental law in Canada as a result of Canada's constitutional structure and necessary federal-provincial cooperation.

The webinar will raise questions equally legal as political in the face of the globe's most pressing issue.

Moderator & Speakers TBC

Honorary Chair: The Honourable Justice Mahmud Jamal, Supreme Court of Canada

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