

Joint Report on Two Scientific Conferences Held at the Faculty of Law of the Trnava University in Trnava, Slovakia, Focused on Current Issues of International Environmental Law

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Abstract: *Joint report on scientific conference “Development and Current Challenges of International Environmental Law” held on September 20th, 2018, and on scientific conference “The Principle of the Rule of Law in International and European Environmental Law” held within the International Scientific Congress DIES IURIS TYRNAVIENSES 2018 – Rule of Law – Between Science and Art on September 21st, 2018, at the Faculty of Law of the Trnava University in Trnava, Slovakia.*

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Within a timeframe of two days in September 2018, two very special scientific conferences focused on current fundamental problem issues of international environmental law were organised by the Department of the International Law and the European Law at the Faculty of Law of the Trnava University in Trnava, Slovakia, both of them based on the VEGA Scientific Project No. 1/0193/18 entitled “Environmentalization of International Public Law”.



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The first scientific conference, entitled “Development and Current Challenges of International Environmental Law”, held on September 20th, 2018, and opened by Assoc. Prof. JUDr. Dagmar Lantajová, Ph.D., as the Head of the Department of the International Law and the European Law at the Faculty of Law of the Trnava University in Trnava, together with Assoc. Prof. JUDr. Juraj Jankuv, Ph.D., as the responsible researcher of the VEGA Scientific Project No. 1/0193/18 “Environmentalization of International Public Law”, concentrated on the issues of development and current challenges of today’s international environmental law while offering a number of instructive scientific speeches by important Slovak legal experts in the field of international environmental law, coming from all parts of Slovakia. In particular, the following topics were offered for presentation and subsequent scientific public debates: Implementation of the Water Framework Directive by Mgr. Michal Kiča from the Comenius University in Bratislava, Ecocide as an International Crime against the Environment by Mgr. Denis Bede from the Trnava University in Trnava,

Procedural Environmental Rights and the Field of Final Part of Nuclear Energetics by JUDr. Michal Maslen, Ph.D., from the Trnava University in Trnava, European Union Law and Criminal Responsibility in Environmental Protection by Prof. JUDr. Soňa Košičiarová, Ph.D., from the Trnava University in Trnava, Current Challenges of Whale Protection by Means of International Law by JUDr. Ludmila Elbert, Ph.D., from the Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, International Legal Protection of Wild Fauna and Flora in Context of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora by Ing. Jana Koprlová, Ph.D., from the Trnava University in Trnava, The International Court of Justice and International Environmental Law by Assoc. Prof. JUDr. Dagmar Lantajová, Ph.D., from the Trnava University in Trnava and, finally, Environmental Dimension of the International River Law by Assoc. Prof. JUDr. Juraj Jankuv, Ph.D., from the Trnava University in Trnava.

The second scientific conference, held one day later – on September 21st, 2018, within the International Scientific Congress of the Faculty of Law at the Trnava University in Trnava, Slovakia, entitled DIES IURIS TYRNAVIENSES 2018 – Rule of Law – Between Science and Art, under the Section of the International Law and the European Law called “The Principle of the Rule of Law in International and European Environmental Law”, included, in comparison to the previous conference, also experience of the government representatives. Immediately after opening and welcome speeches addressed to all guests again by Assoc. Prof. JUDr. Dagmar Lantajová, Ph.D., as the Head of the Department of the International Law and the European Law at the Faculty of Law of the Trnava University in Trnava, together with Assoc. Prof. JUDr. Juraj Jankuv, Ph.D., as the responsible researcher of the VEGA Scientific Project No. 1/0193/18 “Environmentalization of International Public Law”, highly professional legal debates were launched by presentations of following scientific contributions: The Principle of the Rule of Law in International Environmental Law by Assoc. Prof. JUDr. Juraj Jankuv, Ph.D., from the Trnava University in Trnava, The Law Applicable to Obligations Arising Out of Environmental Damage by Mgr. Martin Bulla, Ph.D., from the Trnava University in Trnava, Application of the International Protection of Water in the Israel-Palestine Conflict by Mgr. Daniel Arbet from the Trnava University in Trnava, Infringement Procedure in the Area of Environmental Protection in Relation to the Slovak Republic by Assoc. Prof. JUDr. Peter Varga, Ph.D., from the Trnava University in Trnava, The Conflict Potential of Water and the International Legal Framework Thereof by JUDr. Mgr.

Kristián Blaškovič, Ph.D., from the Government Office of the Slovak Republic, International Legal Protection and Conservation of Biological Diversity in Context of the Convention on Biological Diversity and Its Implementing Protocols by Ing. Jana Koprlová, Ph.D., from the Trnava University in Trnava, and, finally, World Declaration on the Environmental Rule of Law by Assoc. Prof. JUDr. Dagmar Lantajová, Ph.D.

The two-day conference marathon accomplished in the currently rapidly expanding branch of international environmental law brought extraordinary creative and inspirational incentives for deep and mostly cross-sectoral and cross-dimensional scientific discussions with a very fruitful resulting potential for both current scientific legal reflections and future professional steps leading, in general, to improvement of the quality of life on our planet as well as its preservation by means of international public law in favour of future generations. All presented instructive scientific speeches will be offered to the professional and other public in written form in the forthcoming conference proceedings.

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