

PROGRAM

- 6:00 PM Doors open
- 6:30 PM Introductory remarks followed by
Conference by Professor Michael B. Gerrard
- 7:30 PM Q&A Session
- 8 PM Cocktail

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Awakening Our Democracy Climate Change Activism

**A conference by Professor Michael B. Gerrard,
Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice at Columbia Law School
Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law**

Invited by Marta Torre-Schaub, CNRS Senior Research Fellow and
Environmental Law Professor at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

*Co-directors of the
Climate Change Law Studies and Green Pathways of Transition project*

On Friday, March 16, 2018 - 6:30 PM

at Reid Hall - Columbia Global Centers | Europe - Paris
4 rue de Chevreuse, 75006 Paris

The conference, in English, will be followed by a cocktail at 8 PM

Doors open at 6 PM
Free event, Registration required by Tuesday, March 13th
at <https://conference-pr-gerrard-paris.eventbrite.fr>

Abstract

Environmental activism has a long history in the United States, including the first Earth Day of 1970, which led to almost all of the important U.S. environmental statutes. However, current debates about climate change have led to a tremendous growth of activism from several different sectors to protect these regulations. States and cities, lawyers and scientists are at the forefront of this movement. Professor Gerrard will discuss this recent evolution and the development of new legal theories.



Michael B. Gerrard is Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice at Columbia Law School, where he teaches courses on environmental and energy law and directs the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law. He is also Chair of the Faculty of Columbia's Earth Institute.

Before joining the Columbia faculty in January 2009, he was partner in charge of the 110-lawyer New York office of Arnold & Porter; he is now Senior Counsel to the firm. He practiced environmental law in New York City full time from 1979 to 2008 and tried numerous cases and argued many appeals in federal and state courts and administrative tribunals. He was the 2004-2005 chair of the American Bar

Association's 10,000-member Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. He has also chaired the Executive Committee of the New York City Bar Association, and the Environmental Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. He has served as a member of the executive committees of the boards of the Environmental Law Institute and the American College of Environmental Lawyers.

Gerrard is author or editor of thirteen books, two of which were named Best Law Book of the Year by the Association of American Publishers. Among his books are *Global Climate Change and U.S. Law* (with Jody Freeman) (2d ed. 2014); *Threatened Island Nations: Legal Implications of Rising Seas and a Changing Climate* (with Gregory E. Wannier) (2013); and two that are being published in 2018: *Climate Engineering and the Law: Governance and Liability for Solar Radiation Management and Carbon Dioxide Removal* (with Tracy Hester) and *Legal Pathways to Deep Decarbonization in the United States* (with John Dernbach).

Legal Media Group's Guide to the World's Leading Environment Lawyers, based on 4,000 questionnaires, reported in 2005 and again in 2007 that Gerrard "received more personal nominations for this guide than any other lawyer in the world."

He received his B.A. from Columbia University and his J.D. from New York University Law School, where he was a Root Tilden Scholar.



Marta Torre-Schaub is Senior Research Fellow at the National Center of Scientific Research (CNRS) and Environmental Law Professor at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. She is the founder and director of the International Network Law and Climate Change (Droit et changement climatique).

She is a former Fulbright Scholar at NYU University and Fellow Researcher in the Global Program of Research and the Jean Monet Center at NYU University.

She is the director of the Team Environment and Health of the Public Law Studies Center (CERAP) of the Institut d'études philosophique et juridiques de la Sorbonne (ISJPS). She currently directs several research projects funded by public institutions: the Joint Project of Research *Climate Change Law Studies and Green Pathways of Transition* (co-dir with Michael Gerrard, Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University New York within the framework of the Alliance Program) and *La mobilisation du droit dans le contentieux climatique* (GIP Mission Droit et Justice). She also directs the Groupement de Recherche Interdisciplinaire (co-funded with the SHS Institute of the CNRS) *Droit et Changement Climatique: approches interdisciplinaires* (interdisciplinary research platform).

She is the author of several books *La construction juridique de la catégorie de marché*, Paris LGDJ, 2002, awarded with the prize Dupin Aîné of the Academy of the Universities of Paris ; *Le Bien-être et le Droit*, Paris Publications de la Sorbonne, 2016 ; *Bilan et perspectives de l'Accord de Paris (Cop 21) : regards*, Paris, Lextenso 2017 ; *L'essentiel de grands arrêts du droit de l'environnement*, Paris LGDJ, 2017 ; Co-author of *Quel(s) droit(s) pour les changements climatiques ?*, Paris, Mare et Martin 2018.

