

## PREFACE

International climate change law is not only a new and emerging legal discipline. In fact, climate change in many ways permeates public and private law, as well as national and international law, creating intersections of law in its diverse procedural and substantive fields. This two-volume publication on *Climate Change: International Law and Global Governance* deals with international law and the multiple regulatory regimes which presently reflect fragmentation in the absence of a universal climate change regime. International climate change law, global climate governance and diplomacy are interrelated and extremely complex: the publication explores these areas from a variety of doctrinal, transdisciplinary and thematic perspectives.

**Volume I: *Legal Responses and Global Responsibility*** attempts to assess the most pressing impacts of climate change on various international law regimes and their responses thereto. In doing so, the volume inter alia reflects on international climate change law as a new international law discipline; climate change and human rights; climate change, international trade and investment law; the law of the sea and sea-level rise; judicial review and international climate change litigation; and multiple crosscutting issues such as mitigation regulation, natural resource management and climate-engineering.

As a point of departure, **Volume II: *Policy, Diplomacy and Governance in a Changing Environment*** reflects on the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the most pressing impacts of climate change on international diplomacy and global governance. This is highlighted from various transdisciplinary and geopolitical perspectives with a special focus on the challenges of strengthening national and international climate change policy, promoting sustainable development and increasing equity around the world, which go beyond the capacity of national governments. Various international climate change cooperation and protection efforts are analysed, also in the context of global security, climate-induced migration movements, adaptation, and the loss and damage debate.

The effectiveness of the international response to climate change depends upon the legal tools available and the political will to ensure effective implementation. An enabling legal environment, underpinned by good governance and respect for the rule of law, is a prerequisite for greater international

climate change equity. In this spirit, it is hoped that this publication can make a humble contribution towards ensuring more global justice, human security and international peace.

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