Environmental Law and the Challenges of the Decades Ahead: Promoting Transformative and Recovery Responses to the Planetary Emergency

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PANEL 1. The context and status of Environmental Law in raising the planetary emergency

INTEGRATING CLIMATE-INDUCED MOBILITY IN CLIMATE AND MIGRATION POLICIES IN BRAZIL: CHALLENGES AND WAYS FORWARD

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Changes in climate conditions and the increasing number of climate-related disasters are modifying mobility patterns in Brazil. The multi-causality of factors leading to migration hinders not only the identification of such individuals but also the development of solutions in times of the so-called polycrisis, characterized by the overlapping of distinct pressures (e.g., climate, ecological, economic, ethical, political and sanitary). This scenario is critical for the consolidation or setbacks of existing policy and legal frameworks, particularly the environmentrelated ones. The study investigates to what extent the Brazilian government has integrated the human mobility – climate change nexus in its national climate and migration policies, enabling the analysis on whether these are aligned with international recommendations on the topic at a moment when the country has shifted to right-wing populism attitudes and behaviors. It initially focuses on how rising global average temperatures relate to population movements nationwide. Domestic policies and related official documents dealing with climate change and migration are then examined. It is to be demonstrated that the current Brazilian government's position on climate and migration has undermined past achievements and endangered ways forward, challenging the governance of climate-induced mobility at the national sphere while debates on the topic increase globally. Recommendations that could bolster the development of effective measures to address the topic at the state level are provided.





