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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Environmental Law, Empirical and Quantitative Approaches, Epistemology, Legal Theory, Urban Planning Law

EDUCATION & COURSES

2025 HABILITATION TO SUPERVISE RESEARCH, Toulouse Capitole University

Title: *Epistemological Reflections on the Knowledge of Environmental Law: From Legal Dogmatics to Methodological Empiricism*

2021-2025 Courses in Statistics, R. programming, Empirical Legal Research, Network Analysis, Artificial Intelligence, Quantitative Methods, Topic Modelling, Textual Analysis.

2012 PHD IN PUBLIC LAW, University of Limoges.

Title: *The Legal Conditions for the Effectiveness of Legal Norms in Domestic Public Law: Examples from Urban Planning and Environmental Law*

2006 M.S. IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, University of Limoges.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2025 Full Professor, University of Pau and the Pays de l'Adour
- 2013-2025 Associate Professor, Toulouse Capitole University
- 2006-2012 Temporary Research Position (Phd Candidate), University of Limoges
- Invited Professor: University of Lomé, Togo (2022), Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Santa Fe, Argentina (2022, 2018), Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, USA (2019), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, 2018
- Visiting Scholar: The George Washington University Law School, Washington, USA (2015), University of Bristol, UK (2007)

AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND GRANTS

- 2022 Jean-Jacques Laffont Prize awarded by the President of Toulouse Capitole University
- 2022 Appointed Junior Member of the *Institut universitaire de France* (decree of 26 May 2022)
- 2013 Special Thesis Prize from the French Society for Environmental Law
- 2013 Jean-Claude Cassaing Thesis Prize from the University of Limoges
- 2008 Poster Prize of the annual conference of the French Society for Environmental Law

WORKING PAPERS

- “The Constitutional Boundaries of Climate Clubs”, with Goran Dominioni et al.
- “The Obligation to Reinforce a Species Population under the Habitats Directive: a case study based on the brown bear (*Ursus arctos*) in the Pyrenees”, with G. Chapron and J. V. López-Bao.

INTERNATIONAL REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- “KlimaSeniorinnen case: climate change legal scholarship needs empiricism, not hype”, with G. Chapron, 2025, *PLOS Climate* 4(3): e0000589.
- “From Doctrine to Data: Towards an Empirical Turn in European Legal Scholarship?”, *European Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, Vol. 2, n° 1, 2025, pp. 1-13.

“A Human’s Liberty to Protect Wild Animals – Challenging Nature Rights Dogmas and Renewing of European Environmental Legal Culture”, *Environmental Law Network International Review*, Vol. 24, 2024, pp. 21-23.

“European Commission may gut wolf protection”, with G. Chapron, Y. Epstein, M. Ouro Ortmark, L. Helmius, J. P. Ramírez Loza, J. V. López-Bao, *Science*, Vol. 382, 2023, n° 6668, p. 275 (letter).

“Climate litigation in France, a reflection of trends in environmental litigation”, *Environmental Law Network International Review*, Vol. 22, 2022, pp. 63-71.

“Rights of Nature: why it might not save the entire world?”, *Journal for European Environmental & Planning Law*, n° 16, 2019, pp. 35-64.

“The direct effect of the Aarhus Convention as seen by the French "Conseil d'Etat"”, *Environmental Law Network International Review*, n° 2/2009, pp. 63-73.

MOST SIGNIFICANT PUBLICATIONS IN FRENCH LAW JOURNALS

“Évaluer les effets du droit sur l’environnement : une idée saugrenue pour les juristes ?”, *Revue juridique de l’environnement*, n° spécial, 2023, pp. 31-43.

“Pour une autorité publique indépendante dans le domaine de l’environnement”, with H. Delzangles, *AJDA*, 2023, p. 1201.

“L’argument scientifique dans le contentieux de la responsabilité environnementale”, *Revue de droit public*, n° 2, 2023, p. 350.

“Le préjudice écologique à l’épreuve de l’"affaire du siècle" : un succès théorique mais des difficultés pratiques”, *AJDA*, 2021, pp. 2228-2234.

“La directive Oiseaux quarante ans après : des résultats encourageants et des espoirs à concrétiser”, *Revue semestrielle de droit animalier*, n° 2, 2020, pp. 305-336.

“La motivation au service de la participation : l’émergence d’une obligation de répondre aux commentaires du public comme clé d’articulation entre la représentation et la participation”, *Cahiers de la Recherche sur les Droits Fondamentaux*, n° 17, 2020, pp. 31-44.

“Inscrire le climat dans la Constitution : une fausse bonne idée pour de vrais problèmes”, *Droit de l’environnement*, n° 266, avril 2018, pp. 130-131.

“La doctrine environnementaliste face à l’exigence de neutralité axiologique : de l’illusion à la réflexivité”, *Revue juridique de l’environnement*, n° spécial, 2016, pp. 20-59.

“Le principe de précaution, un "droit" garanti par la Constitution ?”, *Revue française de droit constitutionnel*, n° 105, 2016, pp. e29-e60.

BOOKS

Droit de l'environnement, 7th, 8th and 9th edition, with M. Prieur, M.-P. Camproux, H. Delzangles, V. Jaworski, S. Jolivet, G. Leray & J. Makowiak, Précis, Dalloz, 2023, 1893 pages.

État des connaissances – Justice et écologie : panorama des principales recherches, French Ministry of Justice, 2021, 108 pages.

Pour une 6^{ème} République écologique, with D. Bourg, L. Blondiaux, M.-A. Cohendet, J.-M. Fourniau, B. François, P. Marzolf & Y. Sintomer, Odile Jacob, 2011, 205 pages.

EDITED BOOKS & SPECIAL ISSUES

Empirical Horizons in European Legal Scholarship, European Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Vol. 2, n° 1, 2025.

Le droit d'accès à la justice en matière d'environnement, LGDJ, 2016.

Les catastrophes écologiques et le droit, with Jean-Marc Lavieille & Michel Prieur, Bruylant, 2012, 600 pages.

THESIS

HABILITATION THESIS: *Réflexions épistémologiques sur la connaissance du droit de l'environnement : De la dogmatique juridique à l'empirisme méthodologique*, 2025, 355 pages

PHD THESIS: *Les conditions juridiques de l'effectivité de la norme en droit public interne : illustrations en droit de l'urbanisme et en droit de l'environnement*, 2012, 765 pages

REPORTS

Species Protection Law in France, Project Courts & Conservation, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, 2024, 46 pages.

Access to justice in environmental matters, Report for the European e-Justice portal as part of the project Collecting and updating information on environmental access to Justice rules in the EU Member States for the e-Justice portal, European Commission, 2021, 71 pages.

Legal analysis of the main sources of interpretation of the access to justice rights in France, Project Access to Justice for a Greener Europe (ATOJ EARL), 2018, 28 pages.

Positive obligations to rescue small populations – A country study on the management of brown bear under the Habitats Directive in France, Project Claws & Laws, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, 2017, 92 pages.

DATABASE

Database containing all French administrative court rulings on wildlife species protection (2000–2022), Systematic collection of 8,417 cases, basic coding of the 2,113 most relevant cases and full coding of the 400 decisions relating to large carnivores (with Baptiste Clerc), Courts & Conservation Project, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, November 2023 (<https://clawsandlaws.info/>).

MOST SIGNIFICANT CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

“Les velléités d’autonomie du droit de l’environnement”, in *Droit administratif général et droit administratif spécial* (dir. Association française pour la recherche en droit administratif), Dalloz, 2024, pp. 117-129.

“Les stratégies contentieuses des associations en matière de protection du climat : de l’application du droit à l’activisme judiciaire”, in *Droit et climat – Interventions publiques locales et mobilisations citoyennes* (dir. Nicolas Kada), Dalloz, 2022, pp. 109-123.

“Les droits procéduraux environnementaux”, in *Droit constitutionnel de l’environnement, regards croisés* (dir. Marie-Anne Cohendet), Mare & Martin, 2021.

“La science juridique face à l’hypothèse de la post-croissance : méthodologie, critique et analyse écosystémique du droit”, in *Le droit en transition. Les clés juridiques d’une prospérité sans croissance* (dir. Antoine Bailleux), Presses de l’Université Saint-Louis, 2020, pp. 67-84.

“Arguments en faveur d’une autorité publique indépendante environnementale”, in *Droit économique et droit de l’environnement* (dir. Marcel Sousse), Mare & Martin, 2020, pp. 107-124.

“Le concept d’effectivité, proposition de définition”, in Sara Brimo et Christine Pauti (dir.), *L’effectivité des droits – Regards en droit administratif*, Mare & Martin, 2019, pp. 21-37.

“Droit de l’environnement”, in *Dictionnaire de la pensée écologique*, dir. Dominique Bourg, PUF, 2015, pp. 290-292.

MOST SIGNIFICANT LECTURES AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

“Critical Thoughts about Rights of Nature in the European Context”, conference *The Magic of Rights*, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (Germany), 2024.

“Environmental Empirical Scholarship: a Transatlantic Dialogue about Legal Methods applied to Environmental Law”, with Pr. Robert Fischman, keynote lecture, *IUCN Academy of Environmental Law colloquim*, University of Eastern Finland, 2023.

“Rights of Nature in the European context: from questionable foundations to the lack of legal justification”, keynote lecture, conference *Common Core of European Private Law*, University of Groningen (Netherlands), 2023.

“Climate litigation: How to define its success?”, conference *Ius Commune*, University of Maastricht (Netherlands), 2023.

“Climate change and the appropriate assessment: Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive goes global?”, conference *The Habitats Directive as game changer for nature and law in the EU: emerging trends and novel approaches*, Saint-Louis and Ghent Universities, Brussels, 2022.

“Legal research in the 6th IPCC report”, *International Empirical Legal Studies Conference*, Netherlands Academy for Empirical Legal Studies, Vrije University Amsterdam, 2022.

“Climate litigation in the shadow of the principle of the separation of powers”, conference *The Power of Environmental Law*, Environmental Law Network International (ELNI), Brussels, 2021.

“Biodiversity in the City: implementing ecological corridors in French urban planning”, conference on *Comparative urbanism*, Georgia State University College of Law (Atlanta), 2019.

“Legal Indicators of Environmental Law’s Effectiveness (LIELE): methodological issues and challenges”, seminar on *Environmental Law Indicators*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2017.

“Advanced Monitoring in France, from Monitoring’s Decentralization to NGOs’ Legal Actions”, conference *The Role of Advanced Monitoring, Remote Sensing and New Forms of Information Gathering, Analysis and Disclosure in Environmental Compliance and Enforcement*, George Washington University Law School (Washington DC, USA), 2015.

“An international Convention to give legal status to environmentally-displaced persons”, conference *Global responses to eco-migrations and environmental disasters: the role of US and international law and Policy*, Fordham Law School (New York, USA), 2009.

“Environmental catastrophes and migrations”, conference *Humans and habitats: rethinking rights in an age of climate change*, London School of Economics and Political Science (Londres), 2008.

ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2025 Main organiser of the *Annual Conference of the European Society for Empirical Legal Studies*, Toulouse Capitole University (123 presentations, 170 participants).
Keynotes: Véronique Champeil-Desplats, Jean Tirole, Katerina Linos.
- 2023 Scientific director and conference organiser *Empirical Legal Research: a state of knowledge across Europe*, Toulouse Capitole University.
- 2019 Scientific director and conference organiser *Rights of Nature: Opening the Academic Debate in the European Legal Context*, Toulouse Capitole University.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Co-director of the "Droit de l'environnement" book collection at *L'Harmattan*.

Editorial boards membership: European Journal for Empirical Legal Studies; Rivista Quadrimestrale di Diritto dell'Ambiente; Droit et Ville.

REFEREEING

Referee for European Journal for Empirical Legal Studies; European Journal of Risk Regulation; The Opole Studies in Administration and Law; Revue Vertigo; Droit et Société; Review of European Administrative Law; Revue interdisciplinaire d'études juridiques; Droit et Ville; Revue juridique de l'environnement.

 Routledge, Springer.

EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

Evaluation of research projects for: European Research Council (ERC Remote Referee); French National Research Agency (ANR); Toulouse Initiative for Research's Impact on Society (TIRIS); Belgian Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS); Research Initiatives in Grenoble Alpes (UGA).

Member of the HCERES committee responsible for evaluating the *Law and Social Change* (DCS) laboratory at the University of Nantes (2021).

TEACHING

Co-creation and co-direction of the Master 2 in Environmental Law at Toulouse Capitole University (2018-2025), with Prof. Éric Naim-Gesbert.

Director of the double degree programme in Sustainability and Climate Change, Toulouse Capitole University & LUISS University Rome (2023-2025).

Organisation of the Quantitative & AI Tools for Empirical Legal Research summer school (2023, 2024, 2025), 30 hours of training.

Teaching at foreign universities: Santa Fe (Argentina), Lomé (Togo), Atlanta (USA)

Annual teaching at other French universities: Paris Panthéon-Assas, Montpellier, Limoges

Main courses: Droit de l'environnement (Pau, 2025-...), Biodiversity and Climate Law (TSE, 2024-...), Droit de la biodiversité (Toulouse, 2018-2025), Climate Change Law (Toulouse, 2023-2025)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Hearings for French institutions: Assemblée nationale, Sénat, Convention citoyenne pour le climat, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Environment

Expert Missions: Principality of Monaco, Federation of Regional Nature Parks of France, NGO EarthJustice

Expert Commissions:

Mission on the future of infrastructures of the Haut-commissariat à la Stratégie et au Plan (2025)

Scientific council of the Fondation pour la Nature et l'Homme (2024-...)

IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (2023-...)

Commission on Environmental Law and Policy of the French Committee of the IUCN (2019-...)

Occitanie Regional Scientific Council for Natural Heritage (2018-2022)

Aarhus Convention Panel of Experts on Public Participation (2009-2011)

Articles, interviews and quotes in the press:

Le Monde, The New York Times, Libération, France Culture, RFI, JDD, Le Point, Les Echos, AFP, Public Sénat, Irish Legal News, etc.