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Editorial Foreword

The International Journal of Law has consistently published rigorous legal research that opens new horizons of knowledge in national and international law. The journal remains committed to its distinctive approach, which embraces comparative law to deepen the understanding of legal phenomena across diverse contexts.

This special issue on “Oil, Gas, Energy Law and Sustainable Development” highlights the rapid transformations taking place in the energy sector—changes that go beyond technical and economic dimensions to encompass legal, social, and environmental aspects. It explores the capacity of legal institutions to adapt to these shifts for balancing economic efficiency, environmental responsibility, and social justice.

The research articles in this special issue cover the following topics:

1. Legal Challenges of Climate Finance and Compensation in Achieving Net-Zero Emissions (Mohammad Chehade Ali Ismail).
2. The Role of the Energy Sector in Sustainable Development and in Addressing Climate Challenges (Mona Kamel Tourky).
3. Legal Implications of Re-Use of Decommissioned Petroleum Infrastructure for Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage Projects (Eduardo Pereira, Cristina Rodrigues, Margarita Nieves-Zárate, and Thomas Muinzer).
4. Integrating Energy Justice and Maqasid al-Shariah to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Malaysia (Wan Mohd Zulhafiz bin Wan Zahari, Farahdilah Ghazali, and Mohamed Yayah Jalloh).
5. Energy Efficiency and Conservation: A Comparative Analysis of Regulatory Approaches Among GCC Countries (Mayasa Bakhit N R Al-Meqareh).
6. The Environmental Impact Assessment Process for Hydrocarbon Projects in Brazil and Sustainable Development (Allan Ingelson and Flavia Vieira de Castro).
7. From Energy Security to Sustainable Development in Nigeria: The Role of Natural Gas (Opeyemi Yetunde Omotuyi).
8. The Climate Loss and Damage Fund and other Major Climate Funds: Analyzing the Disparity between Climate Finance and Military Expenditure Across the Globe (Shiva Balliram, Eduardo Pereira, and Mostapha al-Masry).

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