



## Hans Sigrist Symposium 2025

### Climate Justice: Scientific, Ethical, and Legal Dimensions

**December 5, 2025, 9:00 – 16:15 h, followed by apéro, University of Bern, UniS, 3012 Bern**

#### Scope

The **Hans Sigrist Symposium 2025** is dedicated to examining how diverse demands for justice (individual, intragenerational, and interspecies) can be meaningfully integrated into law, specifically as foundational principles for climate law, and through litigation. By exploring equitable legal frameworks for adapting to and mitigating climate change, the symposium will highlight selected aspects of climate science, engage with evolving concepts of climate justice, and draw on compelling ethical arguments to shape a more just climate future.

#### Keynotes

**Invited keynote speakers** (all confirmed):

**Charlotte Blattner**, University of Lausanne, CH; **Simon Caney**, University of Warwick, UK; **Erich Fischer**, ETH Zurich, CH; **Joyeeta Gupta**, University of Amsterdam, NL; **Corina Heri**, Tilburg University, NL; **Thomas Stocker**, University of Bern, CH; **Roda Verheyen**, Rechtsanwältin Günther, Hamburg, D; **Christina Voigt**, University of Oslo, N; **Thom Wetzer**, University of Oxford, UK

#### Venue and registration

The 1-day symposium will take place at UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, 3012 Bern, Switzerland.

**Detailed information** at [oeschger.unibe.ch/sigrist\\_symposium25](https://oeschger.unibe.ch/sigrist_symposium25)

Deadline for registration: November 15, 2025.

Registration fee: CHF 30.- including coffee break, vegetarian lunch and apéro (free of charge for OCCR Members).

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The Symposium is initiated and sponsored by the Hans Sigrist Foundation.

## Detailed Program

8:30 – 9:00	COFFEE AND REGISTRATION Foyer UniS
9:00 – 9:10	<b>Welcome, Opening</b> Martin Grosjean, University of Bern
9:10 – 9:40	<b>The Carbon Budget: the Key to Achieve Climate Stability and Climate Justice</b> Thomas Stocker, University of Bern
9:40 – 10:10	<b>A Seven on the Loaded Weather Dice – Record-breaking Extremes in a Warming Climate</b> Erich Fischer, ETH Zürich
10:10 – 10:40	<b>Sharing our Earth with a Focus on Climate Change</b> Joyeeta Gupta, University of Amsterdam
10:40 – 11:10	COFFEE
11:10 – 11:20	<b>Welcome Address</b> Sven Rottenberg, Hans Sigrist Foundation
11:20 – 12:15	<b>Climate Justice &amp; International Courts: the Emerging Canvas of International Climate Law</b> Christina Voigt, University of Oslo
12:15 – 13:30	LUNCH BUFFET Foyer UniS
13:30 – 14:00	<b>The Legal Foundations of Climate Finance</b> Thom Wetzer, University of Oxford
14:00 – 14:30	<b>Navigating National Courts: Key Insights from Climate Litigation against Companies</b> Roda Verheyen Günther, Hamburg
14:30 – 15:00	COFFEE
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Climate Law and Litigation as New Sites of Denialism? Taxonomizing the Implementation of KlimaSeniorinnen et al. vs. Switzerland</b> Charlotte Blattner, University of Lausanne Corina Heri, Tilburg University
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Climate Justice and Political Responsibilities: Who Should do What?</b> Simon Caney, University of Warwick
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Closure</b> Martin Grosjean, University of Bern
16:15	APERO Foyer UniS