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Conference Venue

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The Law of Energy Transition in Federal Systems

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Introduction

Since the 1990s, countries all over the world have embarked on processes of «energy transition» in order to provide for sustainable, low-carbon, reliable and affordable energy supply. Powerful driving forces behind the transition processes are efforts to address climate change and the perils of global warming by reducing the dependence on carbon fuels (decarbonisation), but also political decisions to end atomic energy as a civil source of energy supply. Under the Paris Agreement (PA) of 2015, almost 200 nation states (and the EU) agreed upon ambitious goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions including the aim of CO2-neutrality within the course of the 21st century. In the U.S., the Federal Government’s withdrawal from the PA was countered by an even stronger climate change-commitment by municipalities and individual states including California.

Processes of energy transition are a particular challenge for federal systems of governance where energy decision-making at the federal and state levels is influenced by different economic circumstances, political ideologies, and energy resources. The workshop looks into various experiences of federal legal systems in energy transition. Building on interdisciplinary foundations international legal experts will present case studies on energy transition experiences and federalism in the U.S. and Germany, Austrian and Switzerland, the EU, but also South Africa, Brazil and Australia.

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9.00 a.m. Introduction

9.10 a.m. The Law of Energy Transition in Federal Systems – Comparing the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany

Jonas Monast, UNC Chapel Hill
Johannes Saurer, Univ. of Tuebingen

9.50 a.m. Interdisciplinary Input: Shutdown and Gridlock: American Federalism in the Age of Trump

Thomas Gijswijt, Univ. of Tuebingen

10.20 a.m. Coffee break

10.35 a.m. Energy transition experiences in the Federal Legal Orders of Switzerland and Austria

Elisabeth Fekete-Wimmer / Claudia Fuchs, Vienna Univ. of Economics and Business
Johannes Reich, Univ. of Zurich

11.50 a.m. Energy transition in the EU and in the Member States

Michael Fehling, Bucerius Law School Hamburg

12.30 p.m. Lunch

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1.45 p.m. Energy Mandates versus Subsidies in Federalist Systems: Comparing the EU and US

Felix Mormann, Texas A&M Univ.

2.25 p.m. The law of energy transition in federal systems – The case of South Africa

Tracy-Lynn Field, Univ. of Witwatersrand

3.10 p.m. Coffee Break

3.25 p.m. The law of energy transition in federal systems – The case of Brazil

Eluisa Lazo, Univ. of Tuebingen

4.05 p.m. The law of energy transition in federal systems – The case of Australia

Anne Kallies, RMIT Melbourne

4.45 p.m. Conclusion